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Off the Wall
Box 150
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September 15, 1976

Dear Reader:

I would hope that you have received the AUGUST ISSUE of OFF THE WALL and have had time to peruse it. We are in the process of revising our mailing list. Please write our publisher, Bill Hues, if you wish to be added to the list. For this issue we are contacting all persons presently on our mailing list to determine whether or not they have been receiving our publication and to determine if they wish to continue to do so.

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The past year has seen a large number of changes in the publication. We personally feel that these changes have contributed to the making of a more responsible publication. We have altered a number of articles to a more responsible type of publication. Further, the amount of "free" information in this type of publication. It is our efforts have been made to make the publication more responsible. We will be able to further improve the quality of our co-operation in this matter. We hope that you will find the publication more responsible.

At this time we would like to solicit your support in writing around the desired information. We would appreciate any comments that you might have which would lead to improving our quality. Further, we would appreciate increased participation in the form of articles and other contributions from you, the reader. To this, we have had little or no feedback from the editor. This has been extremely difficult to continue to improve because we do not know what areas we are lacking.

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a) you have been receiving your subscription
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c) any suggestions that might help us improve
d) any criticism of the past or future issues and
e) any other interested comments.
Thanking you in advance for your co-operation and interest. We look forward to your success with the publication in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Hues - Editor

[Handwritten signature]

Off the Wall
Box 160
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Sincerely yours;

Bill Haas

Bill Haas - Editor.

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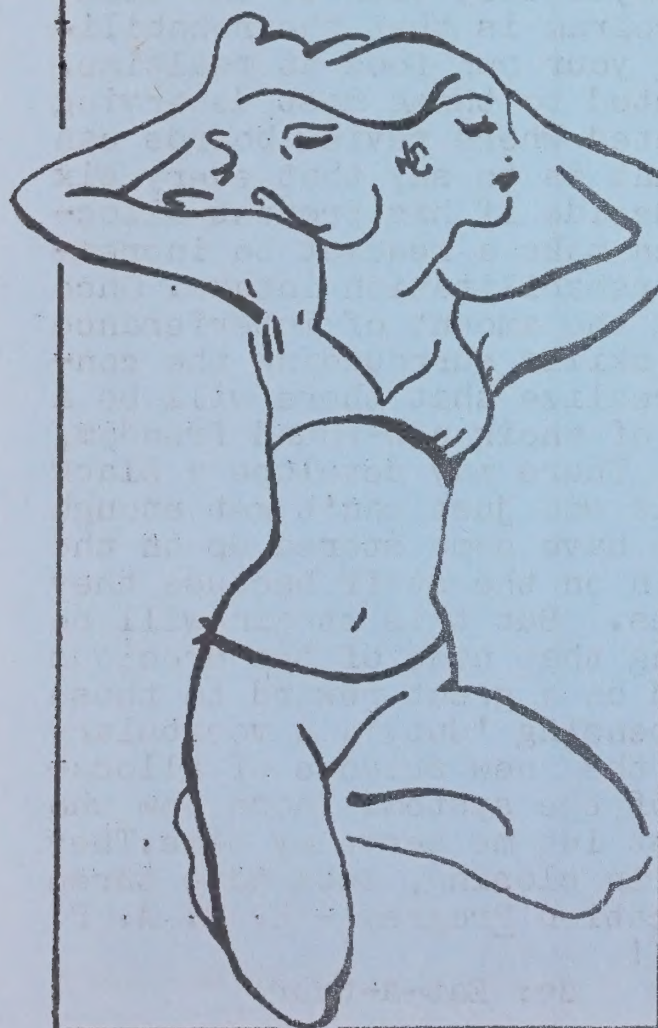
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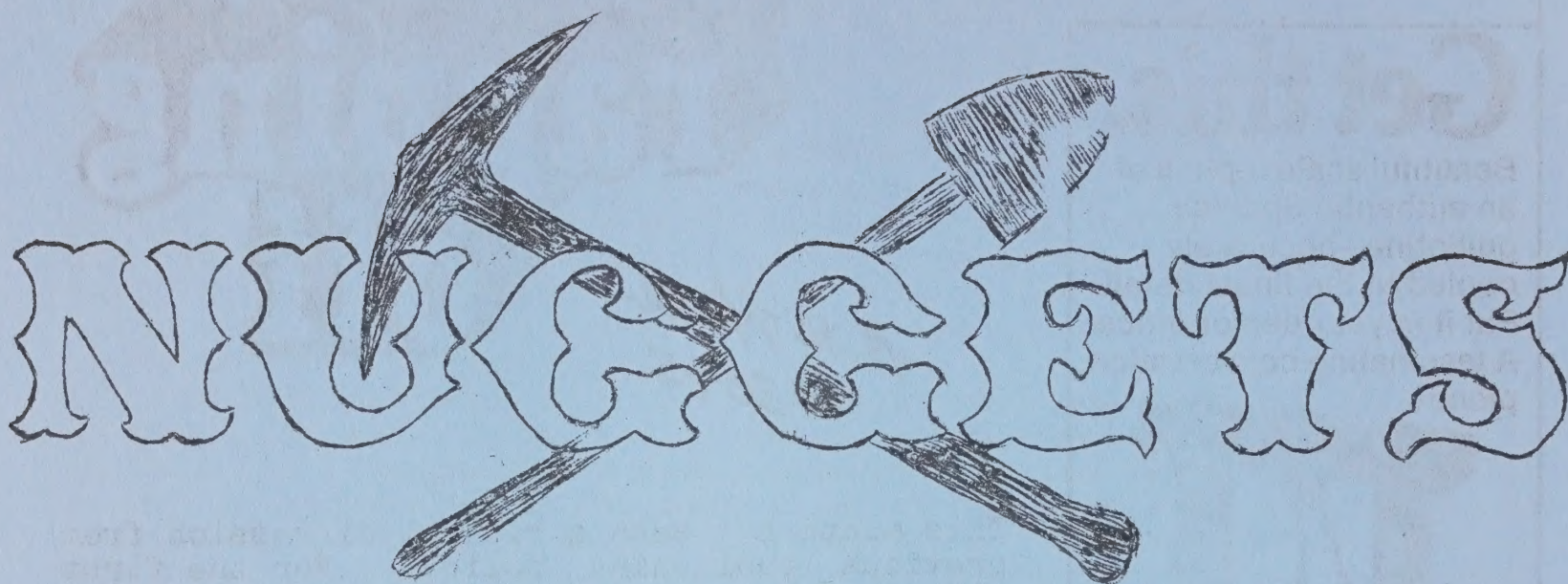


JOINT STATISTICS * AUGUST * 1976

Prison Count.....	522	To other joints.....	24
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NUGGETS

THE MAXIMUMS: LIVING ONE DAY AT A TIME

Location, design, age and tradition are some of the factors that give each of Canada's seven maximum security Penitentiaries a problem personality of it's own. Profiles of the seven:

DORCHESTER: Twenty-foot-high stone walls, with four looming guard towers, surround the 96-year-old "castle on the hill" 21 miles east of Moncton, N.B. Dorchester is known as the "cow killers' prison" because most of the 383 inmates are there for unsophisticated crimes, often committed while they were drunk. But a smoldering, dangerous tension premeates the place. Dorchester is old old and hopelessly decrepit that it is virtually impossible to introduce reform measures. Ever since the disturbance 3 years ago, inmates claim they have been constantly searched and, they charge, sometimes beaten. "If they don't stop this," warns an inmate, "the place is going to burn baby."

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Closed in 1972, part of the gray-stone St. Vincent Penitentiary was re-opened the following year because of overcrowding elsewhere. It is the toughest prison in the system. Nowhere else is con law so strictly enforced. Aristocrats of the prison population are bigtime dope dealers, cop killers, and bank robbers; lowest on the scale are child molesters and rapists, who have to be protected from other prisoners. Security is rigid; schooling, vocational training or any attempt at rehabilitation is practically nonexistent. Prisoners are searched constantly and the only work available for them is making mail sacks, brushes and brooms or clothing - three of the oldest prison occupations. There are NO temporary absences. With its ranges of monkey-cage cells, gun cages and concrete excercise yard, St. Vincent is perhaps the ultimate in hopelessness. Says an inmate: "You live one day at a time. If you did it any other way, you'd go crazy."

ARCHAMBAULT: "We get the upper class criminals in Quebec," says a prison official. "We get a lot of the organized guys here and some of, them are very clever." One or two storey buildings, painted pastel shade the excellent workshops, recreation facilities and relatively large well-lit cells - all were supposed to make Archambault the maximum security prison of the future when it opened 25 miles north of Montreal in 1969. But the prison's solid cell doors, noiseless steel gates, and

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THE MAXIMUM'S: ONE DAY AT A TIME - continued from the last page

constant searches have instead given it the reputation of cold efficiency and authoritarianism. The relationship between the guards and the 400 prisoners is at least stable, if unproductive. "There is an understanding," says Andre Pombert, a member of the inmate committee. "We don't bother them and they don't bother us."

MILLHAVEN: A pastel-painted twin of Archambault, Millhaven seethes with anger. The prison was opened prematurely in the wake of the 1971 Kingston Penitentiary riot, and prisoners arriving there from Kingston which is twelve miles away were, subsequently beaten. Twelve guards were charged with assault, but all were acquitted. A mass escape in 1972 turned the screws even tighter. In March 1974, a guard was assaulted with a baseball bat and a massive security clampdown followed. The 300-odd prisoners were at one point confined to their cells for 23 hours at a time. Prisoners are now allowed more freedom inside. But at the same time, 40 new security measures are being installed - including one-way see-through glass in the inmates' common rooms. "There's natural paranoia here," says a Millhaven official, "But mostly on the part of the guards." John Dowsett, Millhavens third director in as many years, notes that 85% of the prisoners have made trouble in other prisons and are "sent here for punishment. I realize that the public condemns warehousing," he added hopelessly, "but maybe warehousing is the only thing for these people."

KINGSTON: Since the 90-hour riot in 1971, Canada's oldest prison has been in semi-retirement. The 141-year-old fortress, with its massive walls and buildings occupying 13.3 acres, today houses regional reception and medical centres. It's average inmate population; about 390. Some cell blocks were badly damaged in the riot and are no longer used. As a result, newly arrived "fish" (prisoners) at one point had to be placed in barren, tomb-like detention cells. Ordinary cells are dark and small and reek of disinfectant. Few major repairs or improvements are being made, since "K.P." is scheduled for demolition,some day.

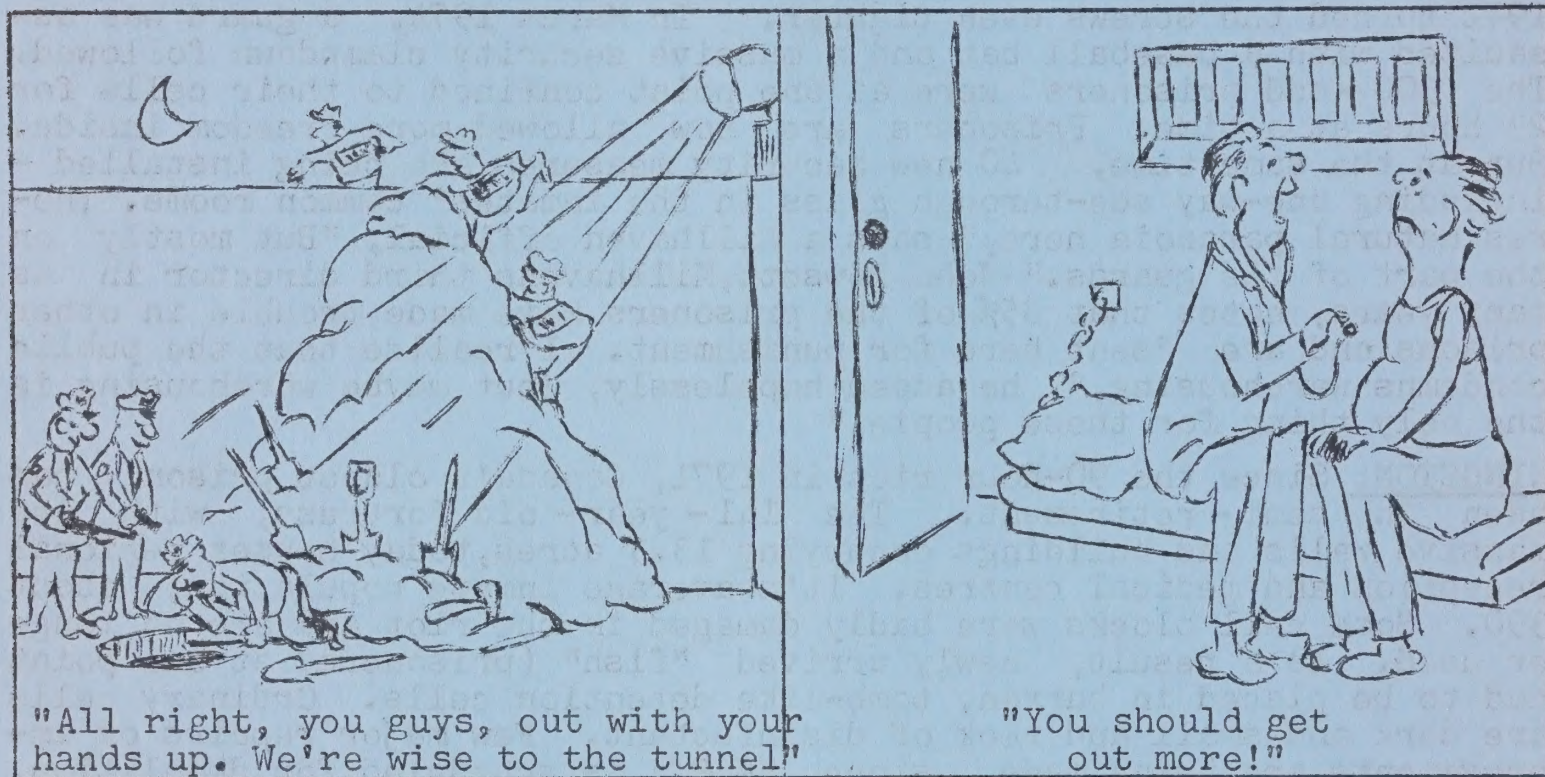
PRINCE ALBERT: Opened in 1911, the prison located near Prince Albert, Sask., was one of the first maximums built in the 20th century. Today it is considered the best in Canada. It has been extensively renovated since Tom Ellis, a one-time guard, became director 5 years ago. Jim O'Sullivan has recently taken over the directorship when Mr. Ellis moved to regional headquarters in Saskatoon. There are workshops and indoor and outdoor recreational facilities. Prisoners run clubs dedicated to hobby crafts, theatre, art and music. It is the only maximum where 'prisoners' have communal meals. Because 40% of the 500-odd prisoners are Indian or Metis - a depressingly common phenomenon in Western Canada - the prison has a Native Brotherhood club and an Indian Liaison Officer. Community contact use to be very widespread however recent changes have somewhat limited the amount of active community involvement within the prison and the past three years has also witnessed a dramatic cut-back in the number of T.A's. being granted.

NEW WESTMINSTER: There is a superb view of the Frazer river beyond the walls of the 99-year-old prison in New Westminister, B.C., but the 490 cells are built so that no inmate ever sees it. Some 470 prisoners - many doing time for drug related offences - live a dark dingy life in a penitentiary that has had virtually no structural changes in continued next.....

THE MAXIMUMS: ONE DAY AT A TIME - continued from the last page

30 years. There is only limited space for education and recreational facilities. The gymnasium is grimly guarded by gun cages. "We have been phasing this place out for 29 years," says Director Dragan Cernetic. "But there are always more prisoners." Attempts will be made to introduce the living unit system, but the project is resented bitterly by the guards who complain that relaxed rules have led to growing violence among the prisoners and increased drug use.

by: Mark Nichols



WORK CAMPS AND GOON SQUADS

Some of the most 'imaginative' prison reforms are taking place outside the Federal system - in the provinces, where lighter sentences are served for lesser crimes. In Nova Scotia, for instance, paper-making Scott Maritimes Ltd. employs prisoners as trainee woodcutters and operates a halfway house where some of them live. When their sentences are up, ex-prisoners can earn as much as \$100 a day with the company. Ontario intends to open a restitution centre where an offender can sit down with his victim and work out an agreement for repayment. And last April, British Columbia opened Canada's first 'coed' prison at Prince George. Men and women 'usually' only mix under supervision. "They're testing us all the time," says Acting Director Barry Rafus. "We tell them to get some air between them."

Altogether, approximately 20,200 prisoners are serving time in provincial prison (this number includes those that are serving their sentences in CCC's and other community services). Parliament's Bail Reform Act, which went into effect in 1972, allows more people charged with minor crimes to remain free while waiting to appear in courts, and has dramatically cut down on jail admissions. More judges are asking for pre-sentence reports and putting more offenders on probation. Those

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who do go to prison can wind up in a forestry camp as in Saskatchewan, or in Toronto's notorious Don Jail, or on probation, depending in part on where they committed their crime.

Ontario, with 4,600 people in prison and a total of 24,000 offenders under supervision, either in prison or in the community, is one of the provinces furthest ahead in a broad range of reforms. Its temporary absences program has been going since 1969, and has so far escaped the criticism that besets the Federal system - largely because the smaller time cons under the provinces care attract less notice when they skip.

Now, the direction of reform is "in the community, rather than the prison", says Ontario's deputy minister of corrections, Don Sinclair. Eleven half-way houses, called Community Resource Centres, have already been opened, housing a dozen offenders each, and three more are planned to open shortly. Another 28 homes housing eight or nine juveniles each have opened, and two large training schools have been closed down. The present policy is that any new institutions built will house no more than 200 adults or 120 juveniles.

"I think that society can become institution happy and want to go locking all its problems away," says Sinclair, a white-haired Yorkshireman who is a former executive director of the Canadian Mental Health Association. The aims of a genuinely rehabilitative system, he says, should be three-fold. "First, removing a man from the institutional environment totally; secondly, giving him the opportunity to work in the community while serving his sentence; third, counseling and support must be available at all times."

The move to half-way houses is spreading to other provinces as well. B. C. has embarked on a five-year plan to replace all large institutions with 50 or so smaller CCC's. Saskatchewan operates Community Training Residences in four cities where inmates live under supervision while working or going to school. Manitoba has set up outside work camps for prisoners nearing completion of their sentences.

Despite their reforms, the provinces are also responsible for some of the worst institutions in the country. At Toronto's Don Jail, known for its wretched conditions, first offenders are initiated into prison life in the company of Skid Row alcoholics and professional criminals. So far this year, the jail has had three confirmed suicides. In one grisly hanging - ruled to be a suicide by a coroner's jury in December 1974, 20-year-old Don Raaflaub was found with his hands tied behind his back with shoelaces and his head in a noose fashioned from a towel. A provincial Royal Commission is investigating charges that a "goon squad" of guards kept order in the jail by administering beatings. The jail's worst section, built in 1865, is scheduled to be phased out by late 1976.

Possibly worst of all is British Columbia's Oakalla prison, which Vancouver M. P. Simma Holt calls "the most inhumane and soul-destroying place in Canada." Built in 1912, and now called the Lower Mainland Correctional Centre, it consists of tiers of cages, patrolled by armed guards on catwalks, and of medieval isolation cells, mostly used for would-be suicides. Approximately half of its population of 650 are not even convicts; they are on remand awaiting trial. Ironically, ex-Premier David Barrett, once a social worker for the John Howard Society, repeatedly called for demolition of Oakalla in his opposition days. He was premier for four years and there was and is no immediate plan for closing down the prison.

There is a 'vicious' rumour going around that Gloria did not transfer to Millhaven like the editor said. There are those doubting Thomas's who would say that the editor is not altogether honest. Well, he is telling the truth, however, I foresaw the fact that some would not believe him, so with my infinite wisdom and limp wrist I took the opportunity, before I left of course, to put some juicy scandal down on paper, so that the editor could defend himself now that all of us strong girls have left for the summer. Eat your hearts out all you hide-in-closet-transmissions. Funny thing happened just before I left; here was this big handsome 'hunk' of a man out there in the gym proclaiming his straightness - for all the world to hear, when seven times on the range he made an indecent proposal to me. Oh well, what a person doesn't find in the bottom of his closet when he goes to move cells.

Girls, girls, girls. All gone. Gone west, gone east, even gone crazy but all you bruisers just remember one thing, where we are going there are always more 'mem'. What have you got left? Two scraggs and a 17 going on 41 year-old chicken plucker. You guys know any good terminology or do I have to spell it out. There is a joint (no, no) out east (and not 'mary-jane' either) that is a real Chicken Coop. Wow. There is one very important thing that I wanted to talk about before I left for parts known, places unknown - the parts are the same and therefore well known everywhere, so don't worry, I shan't be lonely.

A lot of YOU were laughing at one of US that was trapped with, believe it or not, make-up during a frisk. Now, YOU all thought that was very funny. But do you want me to tell the rest of the population just how many men I caught with lipstick on their collars, and they can't all say that they had just come from visits either. 'Cause I checked, being noisey, and having learned how to satisfy my curiosity. You want to laugh and snicker.....don't you? Funny that one of us would be so brave as to wear makeup. But, it did my heart good, because I can see that at last, some of US are leaving the closet and BECOMING, and very comely too. These are years of fast change. Years when you change fast. Why not step out, let it show! After all, for years everyone has been trying to 'look' anyway. So showing will be no suprise, just think, finally some have reached the pot of cold at the end of the rainbow. I was listening to the radio the other night and five people requested songs by - "Hung" Williams. Such an adorable guy. And just think of Chuck's Berries. As I said before WOW. The music scene is a real hep world. And that does 'NOT' mean that they all have hepitis either. For years they have been ahead of those rest who like to say they are - with it, and then go and hide it. The mammas and the pappas have split yup - mother went east. Peter and Paul were Mery and for a good time phone 343-4569. 'SWING' is the thing. And for those of you that are really bashful remember that there is NO such thing as gravity, the WHOLE EARTH sucks.

Liberation should not be confused with - libation. However, there are certain similarities between Sly, and his Family Stones. Now, it may be on the tip of many tongues to say that US are in the HABBIT of thinking that because WE DO so DOES everyone ELSE. That WE tend to think that ALL are LIKE US. If they are not, ain't my fault. I do my humble best to try and convert those that have not seen, or not yet seen the light, and I have lost count of the number of time that I have come to someone, humble, on my knees, trying to make his life better.

INMATE POPULATION STATISTICS

GORDON BOOTH
PSYCHOLOGIST

The 'data' contained in this report were collected in the middle of March, 1976, from material available on cards that are completed at the time of each inmate's admission to Saskatchewan Penitentiary. These cards contain summary data regarding date of birth, length of sentence, nature of charge
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PRINCE ALBERT PENITENTIARY

or charges, next of kin, and date of admission to Saskatchewan Penitentiary. Since the data has been collected for an internal purpose and was available, the Director saw fit to grant permission to let it be printed in your newspaper- OFF THE WALL.

The data presented here is in a somewhat different format than that which appeared in the last issue of 1975 of "OFF THE WALL". It is expected, however, that the data should be of interest and will provoke some thinking on the part of the reader or viewer, as the case may be.

There is a great deal of information to sift through when one is dealing with statistics regarding some 500 people, so to make the task a little bit more manageable, and to keep the reader's interest, it was decided to group data wherever possible. For example, ages could have been reported individually thus using up many valuable pages of "OFF THE WALL", so rather than deprive someone else of the opportunity to speak out in these pages the data was grouped into 5 year blocks. Sentences were treated in the same way, by grouping them into 3 year blocks. Further, it will be noted that percentages reported do not always add up to 100%. This is because of some particulars not being available at the time of the collection of data.

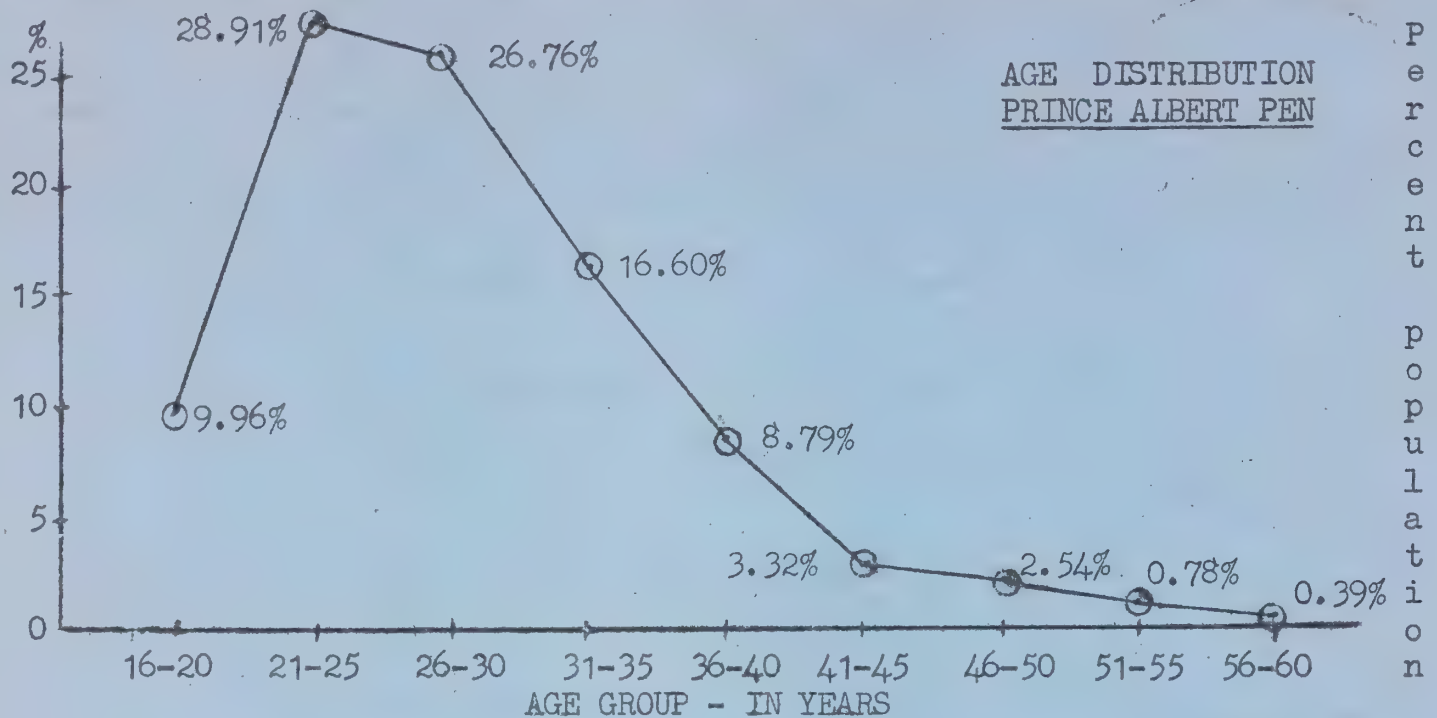
AGE DISTRIBUTION

Ages were found to range from 17 to 58 and were distributed as follows:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>% of 512</u>
16	0	
17	3	
18	10	9.96
19-20	44	
21-25	148	28.91
26-30	137	26.76
31-35	85	16.60
36-40	45	8.79
41-45	17	3.32
45-50	13	2.54
51-55	4	0.78
56-60	2	0.39

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It can be seen that fully 65.6% of the inmate population is made up of men whose ages are under 30. Curiously, a study conducted in 1973, using only men who had established some form of marital relationship prior to their incarceration, found essentially the same thing. In that study 67.1% of the men were under 30. And yet, it is said that the age of today's inmate is lower than it was years ago!

By studying the chart, one can see that the bulk of the population fall in the 21-25 age range, with the 26-30 age-group running a close second. The most frequently occurring age would fall in the 21-25 bracket, probably at age 23. Corresponding to this, the average age was found to be 24.

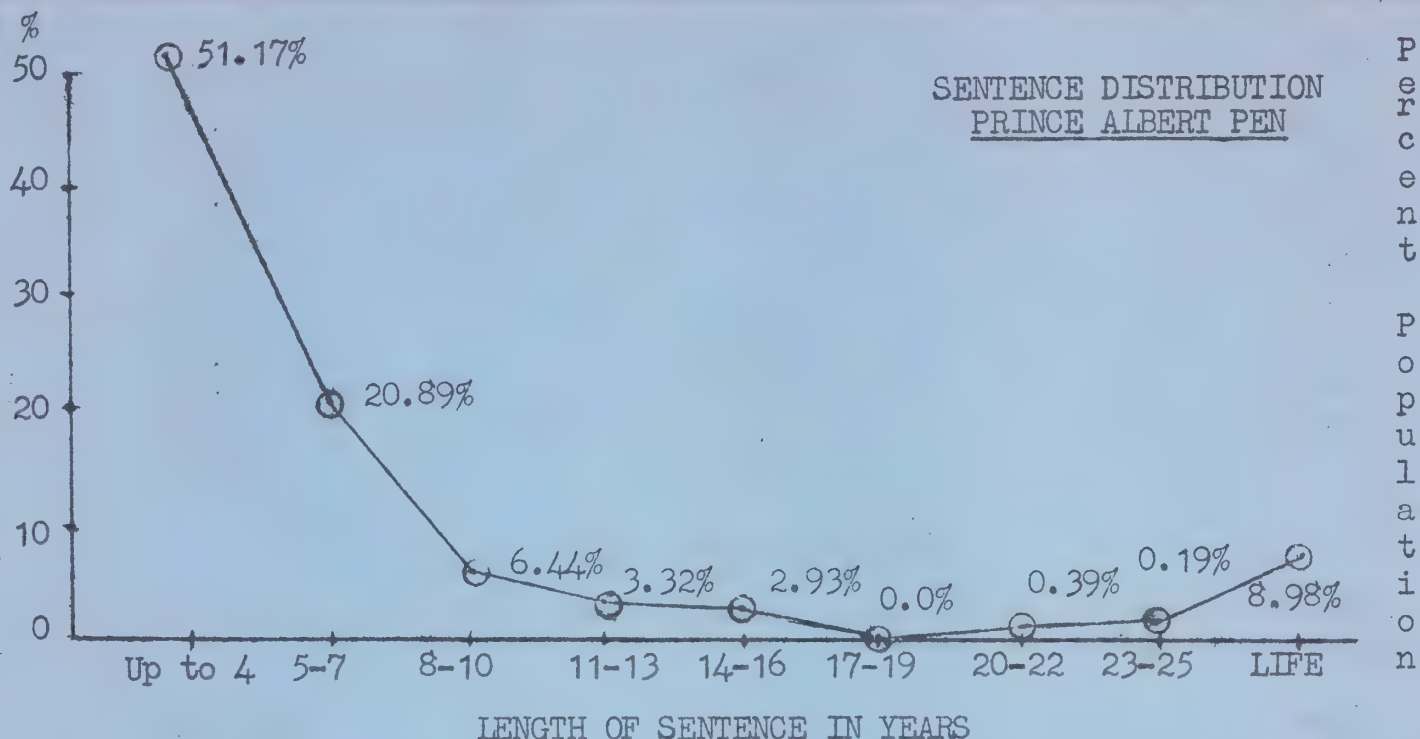
SENTENCE DISTRIBUTION

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>% of 512</u>
Less than		
2 to 4	262	51.17
5-6-7	107	20.89
8-9-10	33	6.44
11-12-13	17	3.32
14-15-16	15	2.93
17-18-19	0	0.00
20-21-22	2	0.39
23-24-25	1	0.19
LIFE	46	8.98
		<u>90.99</u>
UNCLASSIFIED	22	4.29
		<u>96.28</u>

Sentences at Saskatchewan Penitentiary range from something under 2 yr. to Life and are distributed as above.

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It can be seen that fully 51.17% of the inmate population is serving a term of less than 2, 2-3-4 years. The next most frequently occurring term is 5-6-7. Thus, no less than 72% of inmates are serving terms of 7 years or less with 8.9% serving terms of life. This accounts for 81% of all serving inmates.

It was interesting to note, while compiling the data, that there were a great many inmates serving terms less than 2 years in length. Several factors may account for this, such as (1) inmates here on Federal - Provincial Transfer Agreement; (2) Escapees from Provincial gaols; (3) Parole violators; (4) Mandatory Supervision Forfeiture. Data were compiled on the last two categories and shows that 68 inmates are finishing a Mandatory Supervision remnant and 38 a parole remnant. These two categories account for 20% of the inmate population.

LIFE SENTENCES

With the current interest in the Capital Punishment issue, data is presented here regarding men doing time for offences involving the death of a person. Such cases are those of Capital and Non-Capital Murder, Manslaughter, Murder, Motor Manslaughter and the like. Age distribution and length of sentence distribution is presented here for your consideration.

AGE DISTRIBUTION - LOSS OF LIFE CATEGORIES

A total of 65 men are serving time for offences involving the death of a person. This represents 12% of the population. Age distribution follows:

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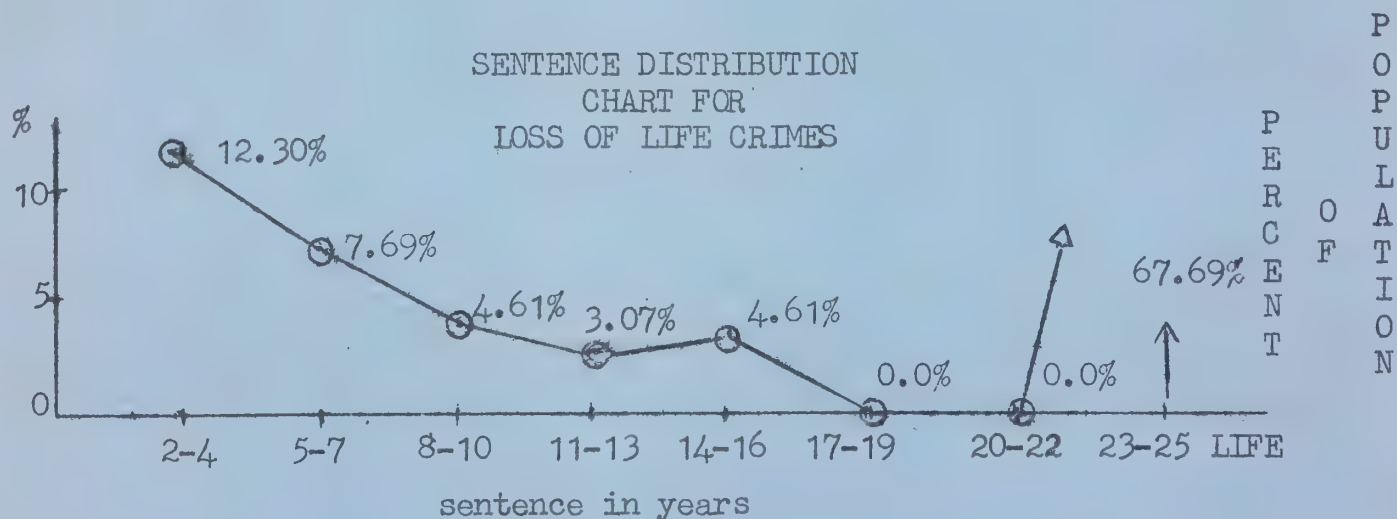
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<u>AGE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>% of 65</u>
16-20	7	10.76
21-25	20	30.76
26-30	11	16.92
31-35	12	18.46
36-40	10	15.38
41-45	2	3.08
46-50	2	3.08
51-55	0	0.00
56-60	1	1.53
	<u>65</u>	<u>99.97</u>

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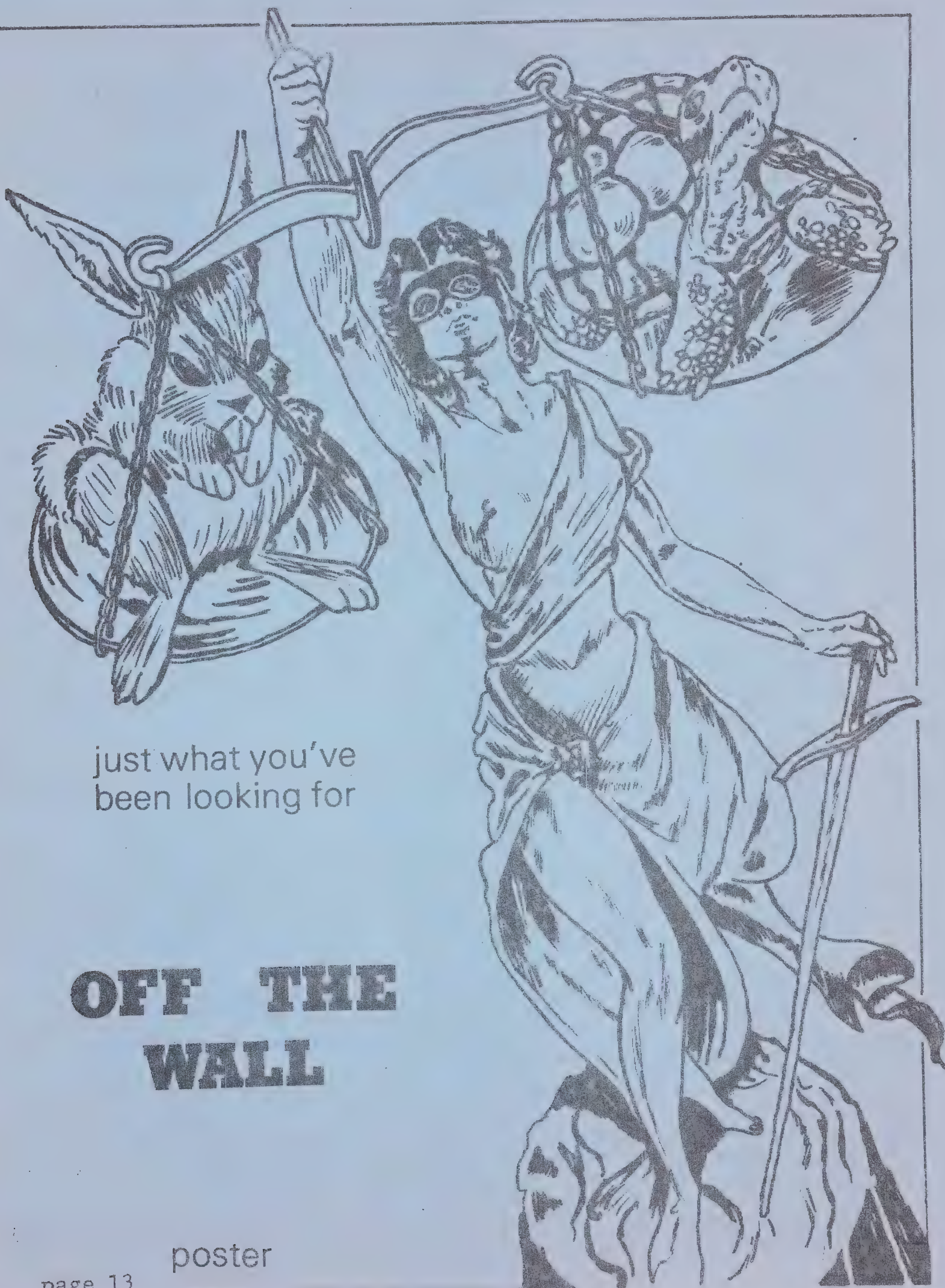
Sentences range from 2 years as an absolute minimum to life and are distributed as follows:

<u>TERM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>% of 65</u>
2-3-4	8	12.30
5-6-7-	5	7.69
8-9-10	3	4.61
11-12-13	2	3.07
14-15-16	3	4.61
17-18-19	0	0.00
20-21-22	0	0.00
23-24-25-LIFE	<u>44</u>	<u>67.69</u>
	<u>65</u>	<u>99.97</u>



It is my sincerest hope that these statistics, rather than be treated as cold meaningless figures that show the worst in our lives as human beings, will serve to bring home to each reader the seriousness, of the situation as we each know it to be but never have seen it on paper before. It is for that reason, and that alone which prompted my request to the Director to let it be printed in "OFF THE WALL". I hope too, that this report has been of at least some interest to some.

J.A. Gordon Booth - Psychologist



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been looking for

OFF THE WALL

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Crime costs the nation over 500 million dollars a year in correctional facilities alone. The communities suffer the brunt of criminal activities. Crime is the most important eroder of the important institutions of the community. We are very concerned over the money spent dealing with criminals. These millions could otherwise be earmarked for programs more beneficial to the nation.

What the nation wants from the Correctional Administration is protection, not punishment. The public wants to be able to walk the streets in safety, not in fear for their lives and their money. The nation knows that prisons are not punishment, just being IN prison IS punishment. The correctional Administrators' real job is to rehabilitate those 'sent' to the institution for correction. When the correctional Administrators are talking about protection of society, they are, in fact, talking about the rehabilitation of criminals.

The correctional administrators must see that the inmates spend their time usefully. This can be done by providing a great variation of work and industry programs. Ninety-eight out of every one hundred convicts are, one day, released to their communities. Unless our prisons operate to change people, to meet these prisoners' needs, they can't protect society. All they can do is return to the streets, this time a more skilled criminal. Correctional facilities must do four things to effectively change the prisoner:

1. They must diagnose and evaluate the cause of the crime,
2. They must treat the person's needs. The average prisoner has less than a sixth-grade education. At least 91 percent have no marketable skills. Many are disturbed. They may have serious medical problems. Those should be taken care of.
3. They must have programs to prepare the inmate for re-entry into the community. Programs must support him or her to find employment and housing, must solve family problems, must give him or her healthy use of leisure time. Only then will the ex-convict be a taxpayer instead of a tax liability.
4. A team of psychologists, psychiatrists, social behavior scientists, attorneys, and social workers must be enlisted to salvage the inmate. They must deal with the whole family, not just the inmate himself. Through the use of conjugal furloughs or visits, we can prevent sexual trauma, as well as keep or at least help keep the family together.

Men ought to be able to leave the prison in the morning (with the exception of the handful who require maximum security custody). Most of the inmates who are let out will either work or study in the community. They will return to the prison at night.

The alternatives are very limited. If society is not willing to take the plunge now - it may become too late. A day may come when society is faced with some reptilian-like troglodyte lurching out of the crashing steel doors to return the favor of his unsuccessful rehabilitation on an unsuspecting and unprotected public.

Maybe it is time to take a convict to lunch. If the status quo remains it is possible that YOU will become LUNCH.

Crime statistics termed unreliable

Following is the personal viewpoint of Mr. Davies, a professor from Saskatoon University. He taught the recent Sociology class here at the penitentiary.

According to a recent debate in the legislature between Liberal leader Dave Stewart, and the Attorney General, Roy Romanow, the province of Saskatchewan is experiencing a substantial increase in violent crime.

The essence of 'that' discussion as reported in the April 2 edition of The Star-Phoenix gives the reader the impression that crime statistics are valid, and reliable indicators of the amount of crime in society. Such a viewpoint gives credence to a 'myth' often propogated by police departments that "criminals acts" are distinctive legal catagories that

by: Darryl T. Davies

can be easily recorded and converted into factual information.

As a criminologist, I can not accept, this notion as it oversimplifies - the issue and provides a 'misleading' and distorted picture of the complexities involved in obtaining accurate statistics. For example: 1) it fails to consider what criminologists, have referred to as the "Dark Figure of 'crime'"; namely, the fact that only a small percentage of all crimes committed ev-



CRIME STATISTICS TERMED UNRELIABLE - continued from the last page

er come to the attention of the police. The willingness of citizens to report crimes, depends in part, on their preception of the police department's efficiency. Lack of confidence in the police or negative attitudes toward police officers prompted by poor police-community relation will reduce the public co-operation to support the police substantially.

2. Comparisons of crime rates from one year to the next are meaningless as there is no standardization procedure used by police departments for recording crime data. Any variation that occurs, therefore, will reflect a difference in the recording procedure rather than a change in the actual increase or decrease in crime.

3. Crime statistics fail to consider the many variables involved, such as police discretion not to lay a charge, uncooperative witnesses refusing to testify, withdrawal of a complaint by a victim, prosecutorial discretion to withdraw charges, plea bargaining, and the filtering process that occurs in the courts from the time an accused person is arrested until he is tried and convicted.

4. Crime statistics reflect the priorities of the police department in this respect, the bias and selective nature of law enforcement reveals more about policing than they do about the incidence of criminal behavior.

To argue that violent crime is on the increase, is to ignore the fact that not all crimes are known to the police, and of those that are, only a small fraction are officially processed. Until the criminal justice system devises scientific and systematic methods for collecting information about crime, debates on alleged increases or decreases in criminal activity will be a futile exercise in semantics.

It is unfortunate that governments have not developed more precise and uniform techniques for measuring crime in society. Until they do, criminal statistics will continue to be an algerbraic representation of figures rather than facts. As the eminent criminologist, Sir Leon Razinowics, once stated: "Crime statistics are like a bikini; what they reveal is significant, what but they hide is vital."

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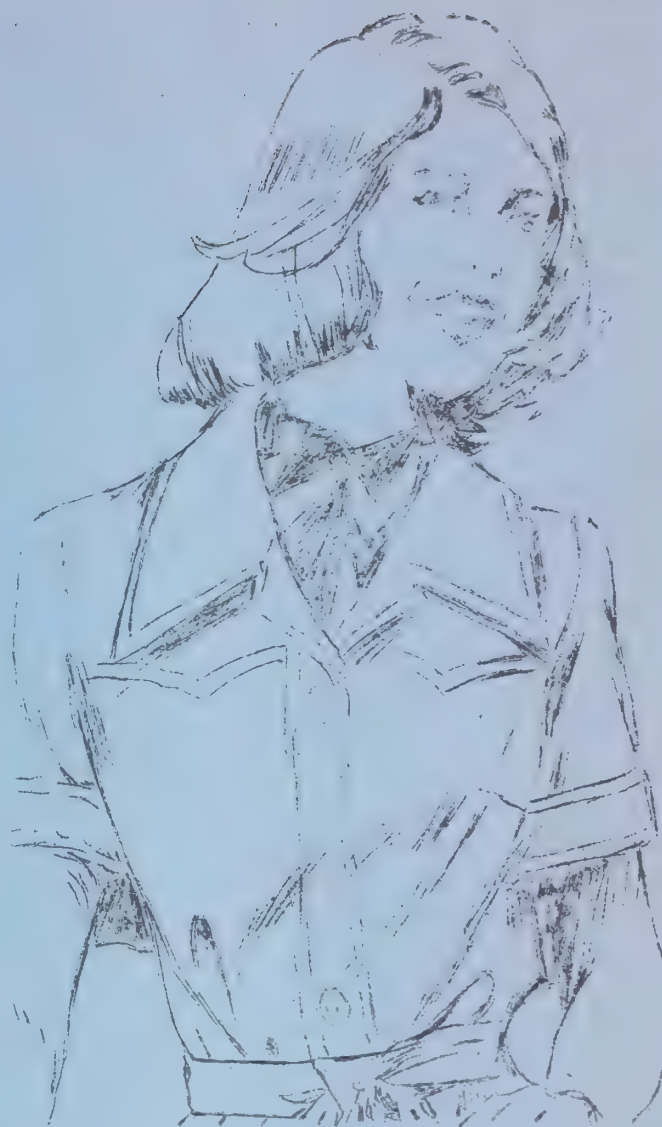


"In seven and one half months
my rehabilitation will be complete..
then I'll be free to get

Page 16 that sob who put me in here!"

BEHIND THE PINK STEEL DOOR

From the outside, the 46-year-old gray limestone structure resembles a provincial legislature building - with walls and bars added. Inside is an embellishment that could be taken for a sardonic joke: a pink steel door that leads to the cell block inside Canada's only Federal prison for Women. In the words of Dr. George Scott, director of the Ontario Regional Medical Centre at Kingston, the prison is a "Hell pit" that "assembles around 160 of the worst women in Canada, most of whom are lesbians, heroin pushers and other drug related offenders."



In the two-tiered block where some 55 women live in rows of tiny, curtained cells, inmates in slippers and hair curlers 'listlessly' play cards in the wide corridor outside: on the stairway others sit motionless, hunched up and 'day-dreaming'. Because of overcrowding, Sandy, an 18-year-old red-head sentenced to life for murder, at one time passed her days in the prison hospital, where she spent most of her time writing home.

Another 50 women, who have earned the privilege by good conduct, live in individual rooms in a wing that looks like the inside of a down-at-the-heels hotel. Even more fortunate are the dozen or so inmates who live under supervision in a comfortable, ten-room house. Known around the prison as "the beauties," they are mostly young, educated and in prison for soft drug offences. Jane, serving seven years for hashish possession with intent to traffic, studied philosophy at nearby Queens University until earning her parole recently.

The majority of the prison's inmates work as cleaners or in the prison kitchen, and laundry, or learn hairdressing or typing and shorthand.. The prison also offers elementary or high school courses. When inmates first arrive, says Israel Barsky, one of the prison's two full-time teachers, "Many of them want to go to school. Some are even enthusiastic. The complete monotony gets to them." With no serious rehabilitative efforts, says one prisoner, most inmates returning to society will "do what they already know. Sure, some can do housekeeping. But some would sooner go back to prostitution or crime than clean someones, stinky, house for a few bucks a week."

"The first thing you learn," says Prison Director Doug Chinnery, "is that they don't like to be called 'girls'. They're women and as such they pose very different problems from men. My problem is that all

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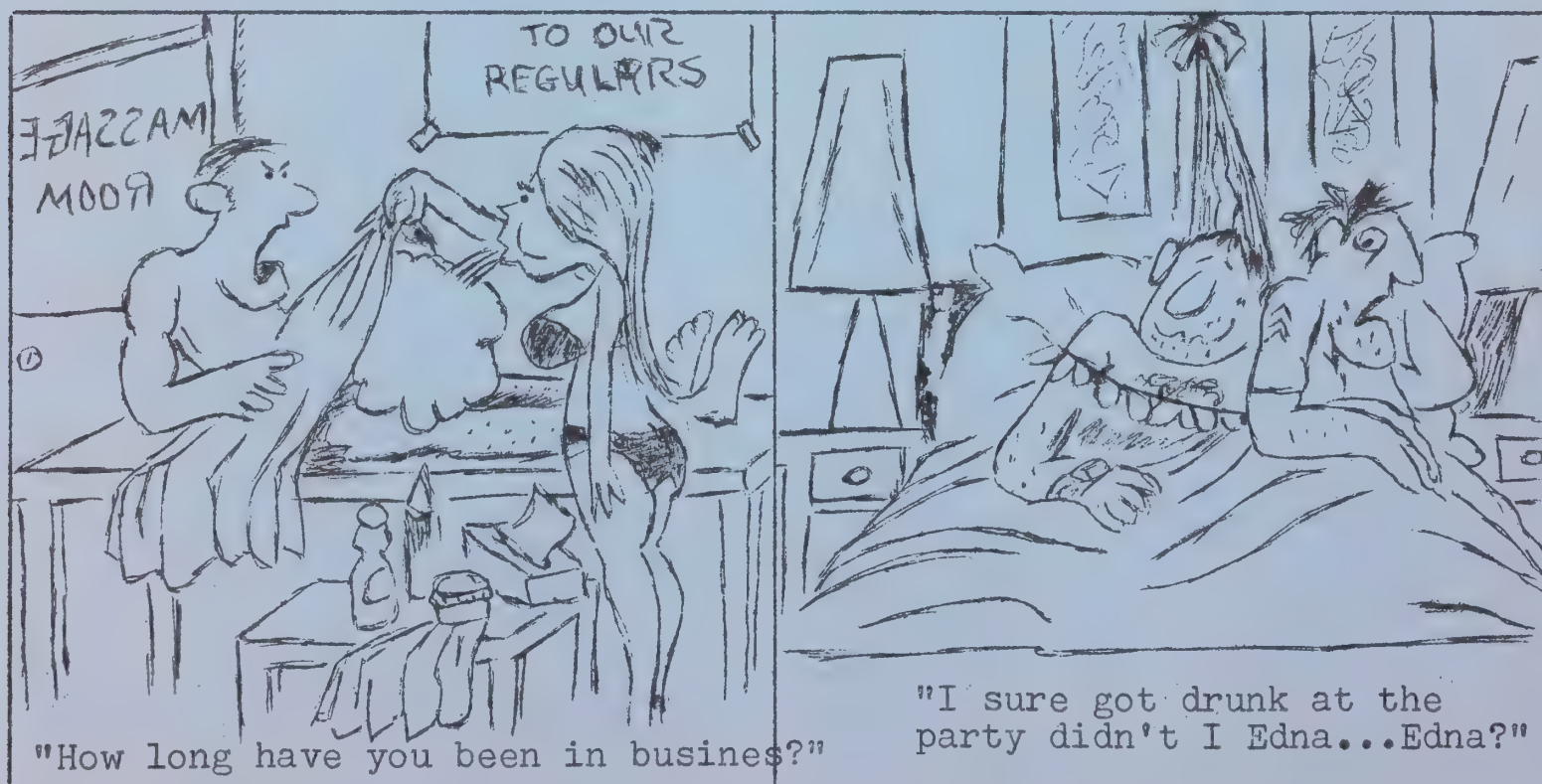
prison regulations were made for men." Some inmates clearly should not be in prison at all. One inmate, serving a life sentence for armed robbery, is quiet and introspective but is nonetheless considered by prison officials to be seriously mentally ill and "one of the potentially most violent women in the institution."

The women have their own kind of con law. There is lesbianism, and if there is little overt violence, there is, at least, the threat of it. One inmate 'claims' that the prison matrons are "terrified" of a small but aggressive gang of prisoners and "won't enforce the regulations."

The prison authorities do what they 'can' to raise the inmates morale. There are occasional dances with male students from Queen's University and other surrounding colleges. Visitors now include workers from the Elizabeth Fry Society, the women's counterpart of the John Howard Society, The Kingston Women's Centre, Alcoholics Anonymous, and the Native Sisterhood.

More substantial changes may be on the way. Ottawa and the provinces tentatively agreed in 1973 that women offenders should be kept closer to home. Alberta has taken twelve prisoners from Kingston and Quebec has taken seven. But many of the provinces lack adequate facilities for women offenders. Accordingly, a seven-member national minority advisory committee has been charged with suggesting better ways of dealing with women in new institutions and in the community. "Men mostly go to jail for economic reasons - stealing for profit," says Director Chinnery, "whereas most women are in for emotional reasons"- that is, they are seldom involved professional criminals or organized crime. "Unlike men," adds Chinnery, "few if any will be dangerous to the community if they escape. We say that women should serve time in their own community and that the alternatives to imprisonment so much talked about today could easily be applied to a large number of them."

By: Mark Nichols



WARNING: The following article has been written by a staff member, and a new one, at that. If you happen to be the type of reader that does not want to hear whatever crap they have to hand out - kindly disregard the next two and one half pages. If you figure it might be worth the effort go ahead and read it. Mr. Kane, the author, has written it from his viewpoint, we may not necessarily see it the same but it is always good policy to know what corner your enemy is coming from.. As far as staff viewpoint goes, his is more healthy than most, I think
Editor.

GOOD LUCK

Good Luck is a highly desirable attribute aspired to by just about everyone. Good luck is one of the spices in the game of life that make living a whole lot more enjoyable. Luck, as defined by Webster's New World Dictionary is, 1) the seemingly chance happening of events which effect one; fortune; lot; fate. 2) Good fortune, success, prosperity, advantage, etc.

The dynamics that effect the fortune and fate of men have been of great interest to man from the beginning of time. The consultation of oracles, the reading of tea leaves, the wearing of jewellery and charms to ward off evil spirits, palm reading, contacting departed disembodied spirits, throwing salt over your left shoulder and literally hundreds of other such practices have and are being used by man to help influence his good fortune. It's a fairly safe bet that right now someone is working on a sure fire formula to guarantee success at the roulette wheels, gambling tables, race track etc; and admittedly if such a formula does exist it would be nice to know about it. After all, if things are going to go at all it's always nice if they go your way; and if anyone is going to get the lucky break it's always nice if it happens to be you. We are interested in achieving the goals we set for ourselves and it's always nice to score a little bonus from time to time that helps us on our way. If we could, by some means or another, influence the number of lucky breaks we get, it would be definitely to our advantage to do it.

Traditionally luck has been viewed from the perspective of "being in the right place at the right time". The problem of restricting oneself to that viewpoint is that there is a definite danger of forgetting about the persons involved in the circumstances. Let me explain. A South African farmer was once plowing his field and he unearthed a fairly interesting stone. It was about the size of a man's fist and rather transparent. He took it to his home and placed it on his mantle. Sometime later it was purchased by a man who paid only a very few dollars for it. That man took the peculiar stone to a diamond cutter and with a few sharp strokes it was transformed into one of the largest and most valuable diamonds on the face of the earth.

You would have to classify that as a stroke of great fortune - as good luck. I'm sure that the man that became the millionaire overnight would agree. Let's look at the story for a second. How two different men had the same stone, one made a few bucks off it, the other made a million or two. Which one was luckier - the one who found it in the

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ground or the one who recognized it for what it was worth? We would really be forced to say, whatever good fortune the man that found the stone had, was really capitalized on by the man that recognized it as a rough diamond, so the second man had the greatest luck. The only element of distinction between the two men was the ability to discern rough diamonds from other pieces of rock.

Willy Mays once said that "Luck is that point where preparation meets opportunity." Many people over-emphasize the importance of opportunity and under-rate the importance of preparation. Like the farmer who found what he thought to be an ornamental stone, if we are not in a position to capitalize on opportunities they cease to become opportunities. If we are never in a position to take advantage of lucky breaks then we'll never get them.

A man very frustrated with his job was expressing his frustration to a psychologist. The psychologist asked him what he would like to do to solve the problem. The man said that if only he could get a university degree he could get the job he wanted and the problem would be solved. He went on to explain that because he had bills to pay he must continue working and the only way he could get a degree was by attending university evening classes. The psychologist asked him why he didn't do it and the reply was "What, it'd take me ten years to finish a degree at night school." The psychologist then asked him how old he would be if he finished his degree in ten years. The man replied 45. The psychologist then asked him how old he would be in ten years if he didn't finish his degree.

There is no question of how old you are going to be in four years from now; there is no question as to how old you are going to be when you are released. The great question lies in how you utilize that period of time. It's a sad situation where a man comes into an institution as a consequence of being under educated and under qualified, spends a couple of years and then goes out in the same or even worse shape than when he came in. Part of being lucky is the ability to realistically assess a situation and make the best of it. The luckiest person in the world is the one that can capitalize on any situation he finds himself in. We have to ask ourselves which of the two following cases are luckier.

Two men come to prison, both have grade 7 education and both men do 65 months. One man manages to work himself up to grade four pay as a cleaner. He does a lot of cell time, and has the opportunity to read whatever he wants, or push weights whenever he wants. He gets to sleep 12 or 14 hours a day and gets to participate in athletics and whatever groups he wants. Generally speaking, he is doing good time. The other man goes to school and puts up with the hassles and headaches of trying to master a few academic skills. Things never seem to go just the way he wants and there's a lot of frustration. Sometimes it's problems with the teachers, sometimes it's problems with exams and administration, but there is always something. Somehow or another, time plods on and he finishes grade 10. From there he goes to work in a shop faces up to all kinds of new frustrations: too many inmates, not enough work not enough time to train, too much assembly work, too many menial tasks and not enough challenges, etc.

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Periodically he loses his temper and wonders exactly why he's doing this anyway, no one else cares, he's not getting the support that he should etc. Somehow he manages to keep it together and just before his release/date he writes his journeyman's exam and passes.

After 65 months both men are released, one man has a grade 7 education and no trade, the other is a journey-man plumber and will make 21 grand a year if he can find a job. Which one is most likely to find a job? Which one is luckier?

There never was a field that got plowed by turning it over in your mind. Usually the difference between a man that has consistantly good fortune in business and the man that wishes he did is found in the things the successful man does to ensure his success. Training programs cannot help a man, they can only provide him with an opportunity to help himself. Training programs exist to provide training opportunities to inmates, if you have any good ideas about how our training programs can be improved we would like to hear about them. Our job is to provide an opportunity-your responsibility is to take advantage of it. Good luck!

Dan Kane - Assistant Director, Occupational Development.

PA's FIRST SECRET SOCIETY

Recently a con from the institution approached me to see what could be found out about a new group that had recently been organized in the institution. He said that he had received a flyer about it and that the flyer had asked if he were interested in getting involved. After a short delay he responded that he might be - but he received no further information. All of his quoiries went unanswered. He thought that maybe the joint rag could learn something about this group as it might be of 'interest' to the population as a whole. Unfortunately, OFF THE WALL has been unable to learn anything about this group so that PA's first secret society must remain SECRET. Below are reprinted the memorandum exchanged in an effort to break the mystery.

To: Mrs. LaValley - Psychologist

From: Editor, OFF THE WALL Re: New Group Recently Formed

It is my understanding that a new group has recently been formed. I am not sure of the purpose, function, or even the name of the group but I understand that it has something to do with Personal Progress. Could you please supply me with relevant information for publication in OFF THE WALL concerning the group, i.e. general outline etc. Thanks for your co-operation.

Bill Haas, Editor.

To: Editor

From: Personal Growth Group Members and Facilitators.

Subject: Request for relevant information.

As indicated above, this is a personal growth group.

The members consider their concerns private and do not wish to contribute any further information about the group.

J. VanWalsem

G. LaValley

"Oh well!"

NOSTALGIA

SATIRE

ON THE SPOT INTERVIEW

SATIRE

After receiving numerous requests and letters for an "On the Spot Interview" with the Captain of the Guards, One Mr. Bull Durham, the "OFF THE WALL" staff set out on the impossible task and after nearly 3½ weeks of trying to track him down, we finally coralled "Bull" in the central dome toilet. The following interview, (for what it's worth) was recorded at the time.

Q. Mr. Durham, the OFF THE WALL would like to ask you a few questions for publication in it's next issue.

A. Well sure kid, I've got a few extra minutes here, so I'll be happy to bludgeon --- Ha! Ha! --- just a little Freudian slip there, I meant to say...oblige you.

Q. Well sir, what do.....

A. Just hold on a minute, before we go any further lets get one thing perfectly straight. Don't get too personal and make it, FAST, I still have three or four more cells that I want to frisk before dinner.

Q. Okay! Now, what do you think about the Federal Gubermment's new enlightened policy towards penal reform. I am refering to TA's and the like.

A. What kind of hippy commie freak are you?!*%\$ I think Trudeau, and his 'friends' should all be locked up with the rest of you pervert freaks!!!!

Q. Yes, then I take it that you.....

A. Don't push me too far kid!

Q. I take that to mean that you favor the old system, night lock-up, silent system, no excercise???

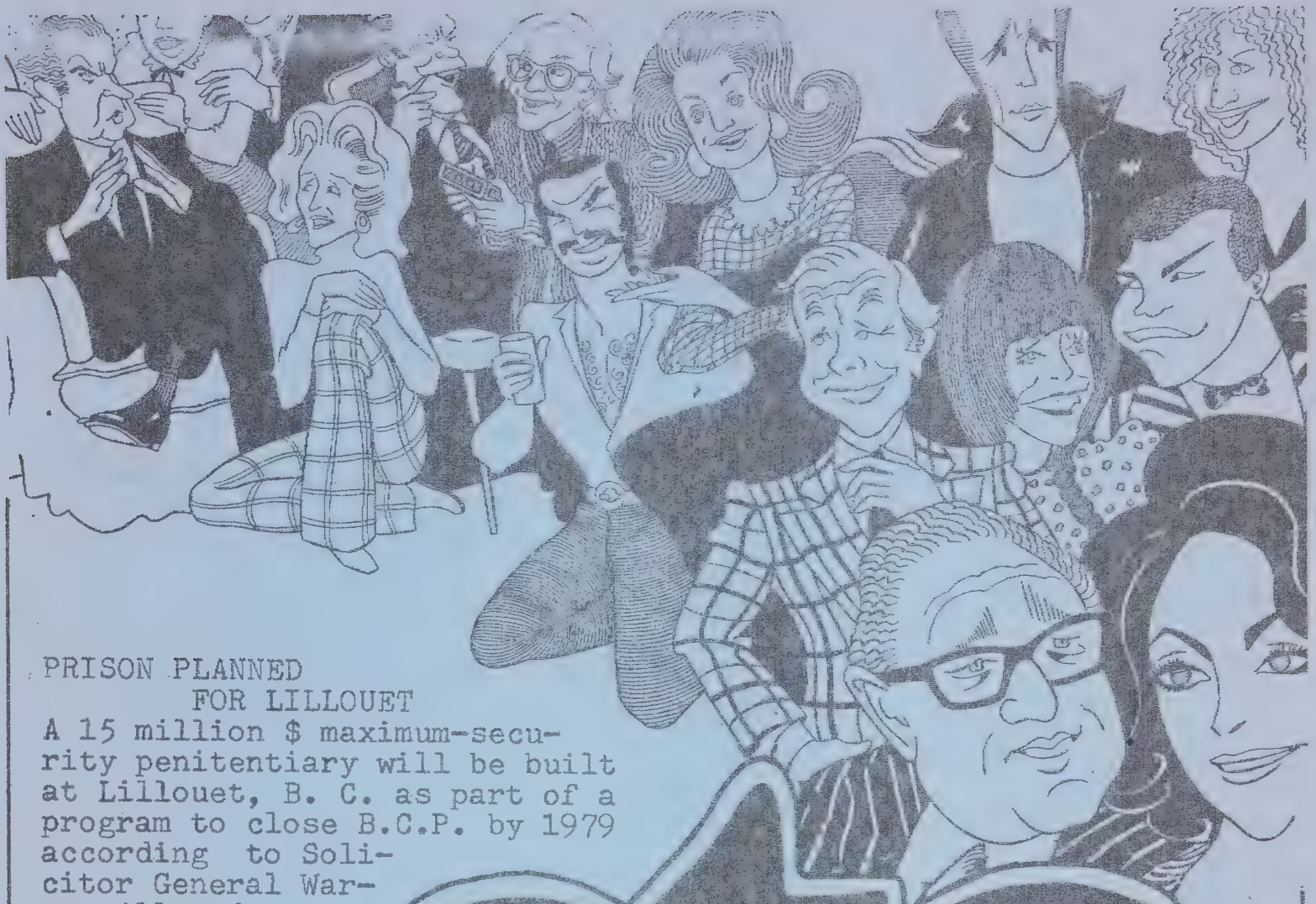
A. You're damn right I do.....treat them muckers tough, make them respect you. Make them respect authority. That's what I've always said. A lot of those old cons really respect me, kid! They respect me because, well, because I'm a miserable son of (pass me that crap house paper) a gun. Did you know that kid? A lot of them respect me!

Q. No, I didn't know that, in fact, I've heard a lot of them refer to you as a guy that 'wears no socks'...

A. What!!! Just a minute.....what's your name and number? Come back here, you're busted. I'll have you in seg for life!!!!!!
COME BACK HERE!

EDITOR'S NOTE: At this point all conversation on the tape ceased, although loud breathing and running feet were heard for some minutes.

"My mom is either turning into a real square or else she is putting me on," said Sue Anne to her friend Ellen. "I always thought that your mom was pretty hep. What's up?" "Well, she said at my sixteenth birthday party, I can only pet with boys if they touch me from the -- waist up." answered Sue Anne. "Oh, thats not too cool. What are you gonna do? asked Ellen. "First thing is to learn to stand on my head!"



PRISON PLANNED FOR LILLOUET

A 15 million \$ maximum-security penitentiary will be built at Lillouet, B. C. as part of a program to close B.C.P. by 1979 according to Solicitor General Warren Allmand.

etc.

Allmand WON'T APPEAL CLOSURE - Solicitor General Warren Allmand said that the GUBERNMENT has decided "NOT" to appeal a court decision which forced closure of solitary confinement cells at B.C. Penitentiary.

He 'said' in the House of Commons Tuesday that there will be No appeal of the decision of federal....

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Court Judge Darrel Heald, who termed segregation cells "cruel and unusual punishment."

A report on the question of Solitary confinement will be made public next month and will form the basis of changes to the policy, the minister said in reply to Ray Hnatyshyn (PC - Sask.)

The inquiry on solitary confinement was suggested by correction investigator Inger Hansen in a report last year.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPER

Included here are some 'excerpts' from SOCIAL DEVELOPER "the quarterly newsletter for the Social Development Division (of the) Canadian Penitentiary Service. We, of OFF THE WALL, do not attest to their entire accuracy as some errors have been found in some of their articles --- but at least they will give a general idea of what is happening in the Social D area around the prison country.

THE INSIDER'S SHOW went on the air for the first time on CJBQ radio in Belleville, Ontario on January 24, 1976. The program originates from Warkworth prison.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SERVICES have been provided by the cons at Warkworth institution who established an information centre five months ago which now has the capacity to provide information about everything from welding courses offered in London, Ont. to community services in T.O.!!

WARNING

Any resemblance to any person living or dead is more than coincidental. Any person who is inadvertently offended by any such resemblance probably has good reason and should take some action to "straighten His or Her act out" so that others will not continue to belittle and ridicule them.

ANNOUNCEMENT - JOIN HANDS

Join Hands is a publication presently published by an organization by the same name. It is of homosexual orientation and is dedicated to helping the same in prisons and reformatories in the US and Canada. Anyone interested may drop them a line at:

Join Hands
Box 42242
San Francisco
California 94142 USA

Close to April 1, 1976 the world cheerily welcomed it's 4th. billionth resident. Some form of Poetic Justice involved with the way these things work out, April Fool's joke anyone?

TRANSDISBANDED as of March 1976 Transd took over from what used to be known as NEWSTART which was the PA based program, credited with the development of the Life's Skills Program.

ALTADORE AND SCARBORO CENTRES residents of both these centres will have the opportunity to take the life skills course in the near future (woopee).

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The following Clubs or groups are still in operation in PA: a mess of A. A's. Three to be exact. The Toastmasters (public speaking) and the Native Brotherhood. For info on any of these a person can contact their respective presidents. The A.A. is under the leadership of Bill Mitchell who lives on B2. Toastmasters is headed up by Ed Ramsey who lives on B4 and the Native Brotherhood president is Mr Cote living on F 1 - 25.

OPEN VISITS AT DORCHESTER or so we have been informed. For our street readers and others that are naive enough not to know what is meant by open visits - it means that the visitors sit across from each other without a glass or screen divider.

ACADEMY AWARDS FOR MOTION PICTS*

1965

Actor: Lee Marvin, Cat Ballou
Actress: Julie Christie, Darling
Picture: The Sound of Music

1966

Actor: Paul Scofield, Man for All Seasons
Actress: Elizabeth Taylor, Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe
Picture: A Man For All Seasons

1967

Actor: Rod Steiger, In The Heat Of The Night
Actress: Kathern Hepburn, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Picture: In The Heat of the Night

1968

Actor: Cliff Robertson, Charly
Actress: Hepburn, Lion in Winter
B. Striesand, Funny Girl
Picture: Oliver

1968

Actor: John Wayne, True Grit
Actress: Maggie Smith, The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie
Picture: Midnight Cowboy

*CONTACT - SPRINGHILL in July - 76 a full-time work placement for 15 inmates was initiated at the joint. The program was designed to develop writing and acting skills (nothing to do with bad-actors). The group has completed a recent tour of the Maritimes presenting the play entitled CAGE. To date six of the members have been given full parole and others are in a half-way house.

SPRINGHILL C.A.C. has recently managed to co-ordinate a program whereby residents from a nearby institution for the retarded and mentally disturbed are visited by cons from Springhill. So far 16 cons are involved. There are moves in the wind to expand this program. C. A. C. means Citizen Advisory Committee (another of the Gubermment's famous abrev's.)

1970

Actor: George Scott, Patton
Actress: G. Jackson, Woman in Love
Picture: Patton

1971

Actor: Gene Hackman, French Connection
Actress: Jane Fonda, Klute
Picture: The French Connection

1972

Actor: M. Brando, The Godfather
Actress: Liza Minnelli, Cabaret
Picture: The Godfather

1973

Actor: Jack Lemmon, Save the Tiger
Actress: G. Jackson, Touch Class
Picture: The Sting

1974

Actor: Art Carney, Harry and Tonto
Actress: Ellen Burstyn, Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore

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Unabashed Dictionary defines lesbians as insurmountable odds.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

My name is Bill Mitchell, I am an alcoholic and also a member of the A. A. here in the institution.

We have meetings Tuesdays and Fridays of every week and welcome any newcomers. Every Tuesday, we have the 'Twelve Steps', a group called Novelco. The introduction to the twelve steps of the Alcoholics Anonymous program is offered to all alcoholic men whose "lives have become unmanageable" because of their powerlessness over alcohol.

The 'purpose' of the group, is to help members quickly work out an acceptable twenty-four hour schedule of A.A. living. The subject matter is founded on the basic information from the book Alcoholics Anonymous and, I think, that I should probably point out at this time that AA is NOT a religion. It is NOT accountable to any organized religion nor medical or psychological school. It has, however, drawn certain virtues from them, and moulded them into a "Design for Better Living." And I add, that it gives us sobriety and restores us to service and respect with-in society. It offers a way for those people whose uncontrollable drinking had usurped all else in their lives to pull out of the syndrome and to hold themselves back.

All I can ask, is that you give it a chance, a fair chance. If you don't like it, I'll refund your misery and you can go on living. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Note - There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, political organization, or institution. It does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither opposes any causes. OUR primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to reach sobriety.

If you like what you have read, if you would like to give it a crack, I'll see you Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m.

Bill Mitchell - Chairman

What is the difference between an Irish Wedding and an Irish Funeral??
Seven less drunks.

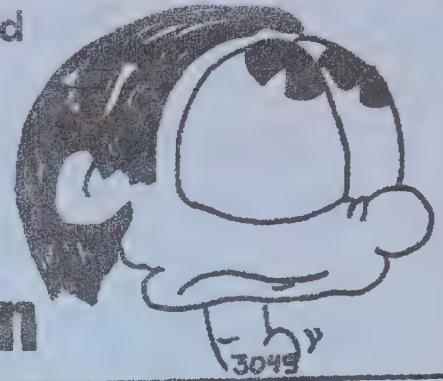
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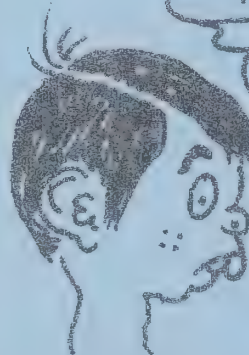
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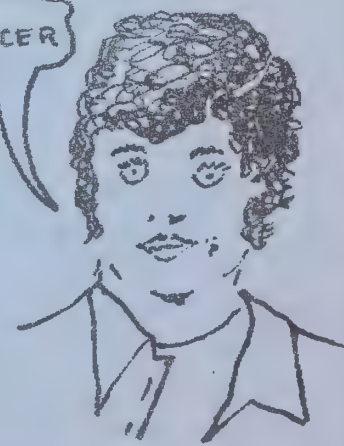
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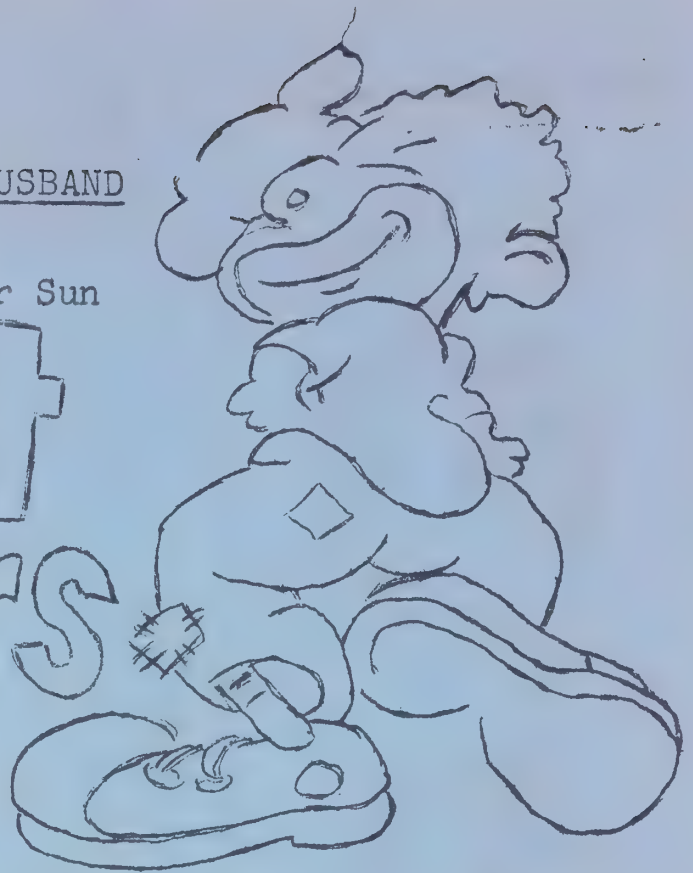


ROSIE WINS CAMPAIGN TO FREE HUSBAND

THE Carpet baggers

Vancouver Sun

submitted by: Red Johnson



Rosie Davis never gave up. She even chained herself to a lamp post to proclaim the innocence of her jailed husband.

Mrs. Davis, won her two-year fight this week. George, her cab-driver husband, was unexpectedly released from prison. Now the whole question of identification evidence, the kind that put George in jail, is under review in Britain, and Rosie Davis helped bring it about.

Davis was convicted of taking part in a payroll robbery after being picked out of a line-up by police officers. When her husband was sent to prison, Mrs. Davis had two children to support and her only income came from welfare benefits and friends.

"I knew he was innocent," Mrs. Davis said. "I refused to believe anything else. I fought tooth and nail to get George out and I'd have gone to jail if necessary. We never gave up hope."

Mrs. Davis became a national figure on a television program, screaming at police during rallies and court appearances. She and supporters daubed streets and rooftops in London's east end, the Cockney heartland with the slogan: "George is innocent - OK."

Her campaign also involved ramming a car into the gates of Buckingham Palace, crashing the doors of four newspapers, climbing atop the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral and digging up the hallowed Headingly cricket pitch in northern England during a match between Australia last year. In a surprise move Tuesday, Home Secretary Roy Jenkins freed Davis who was convicted on the 'evidence' of five police officers who picked him out of lineups several months after the holdup in 1973. However, 32 other witnesses failed to identify him as one of the four hold-up men.

Jenkins said that Davis was freed because police evidence was weakened by a witness who came forward a few months ago and said that Davis was driving his cab in another part of London at the time of the hold-up. Jenkins said that Davis was being released under Royal Prerogative, and was not being pardoned. That means that he still is not considered INNOCENT in the eyes of the law.

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real nitty-gritty. Prepared here are all the juicy facts that we could dig up on the institution that seemed of interest. Our happy little home cut up to the best of our ability. Before getting into the matter I wonder why the Parole People seem to favour those that settle in well here. That is those that get along good, make the most (yuk) of the pittance. The place, by definition is abnormal; consequently, anyone that adapts to an abnormal environment well, must be equally abnormal. That's for all the good adaptors, see below. Just a thought.....



PLEASE TOSK DASH ! (Blair P.) DON'T
GO!! I LOVE YOOUUUU!!! Signed by
Gola Goeborn

PRISON POPULATION

Cellblock	285
C - 6 Dorm	20
Total	305
Segregation	
Front seg A1&2	22
Deep Seg	23
Non-Productive F4	15
Dissassociation	12
Total	72

total as of Aug. 23

Protection	
Old Hospital	22
C - 3	63
C - 7	41
Total	126
Miscellaneous	
Hospital	9
Total	9
Prison Population	512

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HOMOSEXUALITY IN PRISON

Homosexuality today, is permitted and tolerated but I do not think that society, as a whole, sees it as a suitable alternative to heterosexual sexual relationships. What would society, as a whole, or in part, think of a place that induces homosexuality as the only viable solution to escape from utter degregation?

I would like to put forward a few brief premises that lead me and, as far as I can see, will assuredly lead others, to the conclusion that the present system of penology in Canada not only restricts heterosexual relationships, but strongly encourages homosexual bonds. I might explain in passing, that before I came to the penitentiary, I had only indulged in 'hetero sex'. I had been married, and maintained a normal relationship with my wife. I had known few "fags" and looked upon the whole subject of 'homo sex' as abnormal, if not deviant. Today I no longer hold these opinions. In many ways of thinking has taken a full about face. I now understand and desire homosexual affairs. I was released after serving five years and went back to living with a woman. But the atmosphere had changed. I no longer understood my own feelings. Unfortunately, she most certainly did not understand my feelings, needs and desires. I do not intend that this article reflect some "True Confessional" crap; nor do I think that such a change can be summed up as "Well, you were obviously a latent all along and it has finally surfaced." Such Tripe!

I believe that the archaic prison system is wholly responsible. What I once viewed as un-natural is presently the only option that I, and 9000 other Federal Prisoners, are exposed to in which a compassionate, affectionate, and loving relationship can develop. Most persons thrown in prison are adults. They have already developed previous and ongoing sex lives. And then, overnight, they are isolated from the other sex! Isolated for extremely long periods! Periods that are measured in years, not weeks or months. Not only is this enforced isolation protracted but also there is the added psychological brutalization. An atmosphere exists in prison that can only be described as harsh and brutal.

The usual instruments for a compassionate, emotional relationship have been stripped away! For a man or woman to remain 'hetro', he must suffer this continuing rape of his emotional psych. He runs a very great risk of becoming an emotional cripple, incapable of establishing any but the most superficial relationships.

Because of this brutalization, this psychological rape, human beings are forced, extorted into developing unnatural homosexual pair-bonds in order to establish a channel for the very basic human desire to love, to hold, and to cherish. There exist very few alternatives, and the existing alternatives are available to only the smallest minority. The much-touted T.L.A. (Temporary Leave of Absence) Program is one such alternative. A brilliant idea; a much coveted reward. Successful TLA participants offer the Penitentiary Service very good press. About all they offer the bulk of the prisoners is more frustration and agony. The number of persons receiving these almost 'mythical' TLA's is miniscule. Prisoners are told to apply for them, then are summarily 'shot down' by the very worker that suggested they ask in the first place. Much like telling an old friend that his transgression is forgiven and subsequently kicking him in the face. An excellent way to develop trust and confidence in a relationship. The proverbial 'sucker punch below the belt'.

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HOMOSEXUALITY IN PRISON - continued from the last page

No amount of words poured out on glossy bond paper can expose the pain and frustration that prison induces. As these pains and frustrations increase; so does the corresponding need for affection, tenderness, adoration, and love. Homosexual encounters, regardless of how brief or degrading, offer at least a momentary release from the frustration and an opportunity for shared emotional change.

There are some answers to this built-in psychologically and sexually-restrictive climate that the Canadian prison system could endorse; the Government could make an extended effort to keep prisoners closer to their families, instead of the present system that separates them by hundreds and hundreds of miles; 2) Programs, many programs, that incorporate family participation, not 'even' within, but 'especially' within the walls; 3) An enormous increase in 'Co-Ed' activities, and 4) forgive me for using an apparent swear word, but 'conjugal' visits. These policies, if implemented would go a long way towards rectifying the built-in psychological brutalization and systematic emotional rape that is inherent in the present penal system.

In summation, I can only wonder what my mother, the mother who taught me better, would think when she found that the prison system to which I was sent to be rehabilitated, was in fact turning me into a "fag." She had higher expectations for me, I am sure.

At this point I would like to offer the rather volitile suggestion that is produced by the foregoing article. If the Government is not, as it has not, to date, going to implement the countless possible programs that might reduce the circumstances that encourage homosexual involvements, then the very least they can do is clear away the present infintile restrictions that punish those who 'dare' to become involved with 'homosex'. Remove these indirect rules. Rid the prison of the restrictions, that make it necessary to sneak, and openly legalize 'homo sex' within the walls. It would be less hypocritical and at least the affairs, which the system encourages, might become beautiful and dignified: rather than merely adding more degregation. Anyone going to, Greece? Looking for a travelling companion?

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MY PROMISE

I know I am a fool
For the way I treated you
And I'm sorry my darling
For the things I didn't do
But if there were a god in heaven
Then on his name I swear to you
I'll forever love you darling
And I promise to never be untrue...

I'M LUCKY

I wave no magic wand
I own no lucky charms
So, how can I explain
Having you in my arms,
It must be beginners luck
But it made us come to be
For what other reason can explain
The wonder of you loving me....

QUESTION

I will ask you just once.
If you love me
For if the answer is - yes
There is no need to ask again
And if the answer is - no
Then there is no reason!

LITTLE BOY

Add a little boy
Some peanut butter sandwiches
A few trouser tears
...nothing special....
And the whole world knows him!

CORRECTION TO THE LAST ISSUE

OFF THE WALL has been running off at the mouth. Or, so it seems. A zealous reporter, me the editor, last month made a report on the search tactics of custody with respect to outside workers. Droll to say, that report was not only misleading, but also somewhat inaccurate.

OFF THE WALL pursues a path of least resistance. In other words this means that we try to keep the reporting honest because it wards off censorship. Unlike those big heathen scandal sheets on the street who can afford legal battles, we can be shut down for lying. However, it is not only a point of censorship for we have been forgiven, but it is a question of integrity. The question at hand revolves around the frisking of a University professor on his way out of the institution after giving a lecture at the pen. I am informed that the search involved was not as reported but was in fact - 'a briefcase frisk' - and that the crown reserves the right to so search employees including, 'permanent and contract' which includes any person entering the institution - for any reason.

I am afraid that the professor was not only legally searched but was under suspicion for he had committed a previous infraction. He had smuggled contraband out of the institution. Now, would you believe that this 'wanton academic' had smuggled out a copy of OFF THE WALL (believe it or not) Ain't that heart-warming.

At any rate, I wish to apologize to the administration for unfairly accusing them and also to thank Mr. Davis, the sociology prof in question, not only for his time and effort, but also his genuine interest in US guys. He was unaware of the restrictions surrounding taking out such things as OFF THE WALL. This problem won't rise again as his name has been put on the mailing list. Further, he has submitted two articles that appear in this issue on pages 15 and 49 respectively. Thanks!

NEW VISITS AND CORRESPONDENCE AREA

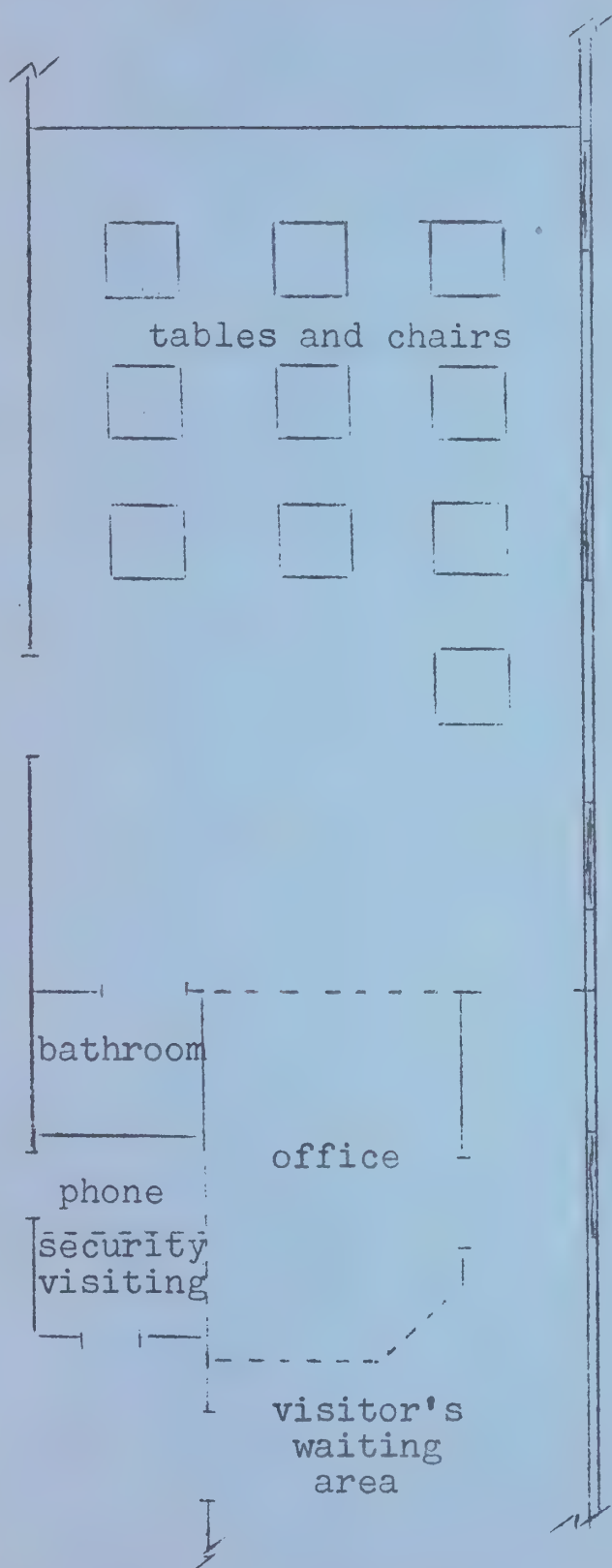
Well, at last some real good news in prison renovation. At this point in time construction crews are busy demolishing parts of the old visiting area and building new facilities. This revision will result in a substantial increase in the size of existing visiting facilities. The plans show some good things in the works. Not only will the available floor area be drastically increased which should cut down on the overcrowding of the present facilities, an outside patio is in the offing which will be used in the summer for family visits so that the children accompanying parents will be able to terrorize the outdoors. Not only will this give the man in the tower something to watch to relieve the boredom, it will also cut down on the noise and give the kids something to do but will also create a more healthy atmosphere for visiting children.

Alas, not all of the new visiting facilities are good and wonderful. Like in the fairy tales, there is a dark villan lurking around the corner. The proposed plan includes screened visiting boothlike things. These security visits will be the type that a person talks through the telephone to his visitor who is on the other side of a sheet of glass. There will be six of these degenerate things. So, not all of the world is a wonderful place. I get the idea that they do not trust all of us.

See the diagram on the next page for an idea what is
in the works, visit wise.

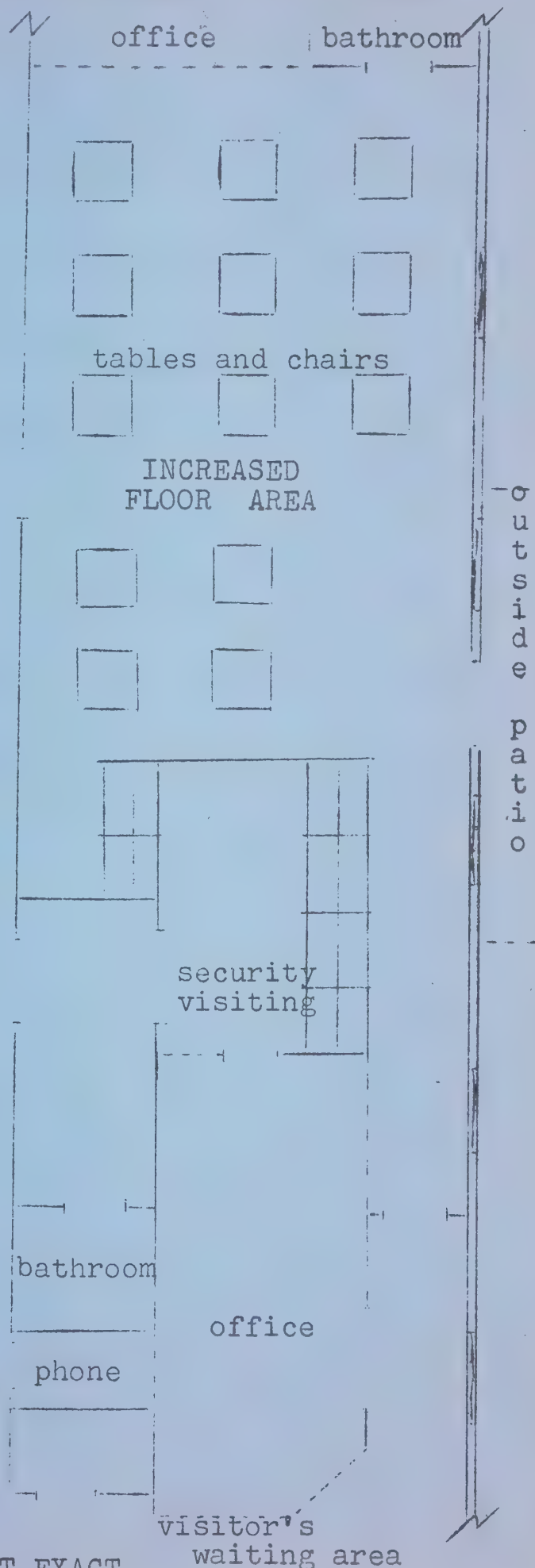
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OLD VISITING AREA



NOT TO SCALE

NEW EXPANDED VISITING AREA



NOT EXACT

JULY ONE - TENNIS TOURNEY

A LEAGUE DOUBLES: Rather than using the regular method of the best of three sets to a match, the teams conferred and agreed upon a system where the first winner of II games would be the winner in the single knock out match.

Pearson/Lipsett team were the first to face defeat as Corey and Worci-mega put them away with a II to 5 win.

Norton / Robichaud won II to 7 in a gruelling match with 'Tiger' Les Malcom and 'high-flying' Guy Smith.

Racette and Oklek died out on the asphalt as they were soundly tromped by Phil 'Sprout' Smith and Mike 'Ace' Wagner II games to 5.

Rick Lepretre and Ron Kronkie (Boggie Creek Bandit) proved themselves worthy of advancement to the finals with a II to 6 win over 'Ace' Wagner and 'Sprout' Smith. Norton and Robichaud had to dig deep from inside themselves to pull a II to 9 win over Keith Corey and Henry Worc-
emega, who made a real fine showing.

In the final match of the tourney, Ronnie (Boogie Creek Bandit) Kron-
kie and his cohort from Edmonton, Rick Lepretre had to go down right to the wire to defeat Alvin Norton and Mike Robichaud for the champion-
ship with a final score of II games to 10.

There were cokes for the winners and the runner-ups for which the com-
mittee deserves a 'thanx' for plugging the event. Also, a small cheer
for Larry Mitchell and Doug Davies for making this event tolerable....
.....yyyahhhhugggh.

- 'tacky' Tennis Racquet.

GOLF

The July 1 st. week-end also witnessed a golf tournament. There was
some trouble getting co-operation from some as the prizes were in no
means excessive. There was two sections to the tourney - Singles and
Doubles. Also, there was a double knock-out rally so that the players
who lacked experience also had a crack at the prizes. The winners
were as follows:

Singles	"A"	- John Cardinal	"B"	- Cochrane
Doubles	"A"	- Kitchemonia and Severight	"B"	- Quinn and Dennis Johnson

Each of the winners rated a half dozen cokes for their efforts. It is
hoped that September field day will see a little more substancial pri-
zes in order to encourage more participation for the guys in the joint.

by: Ron 'Horseshoe' Oklek

"Every time I see a big handsome man I get itchy between my toes." "Oh,
between which toes?" "Between my big toes....."

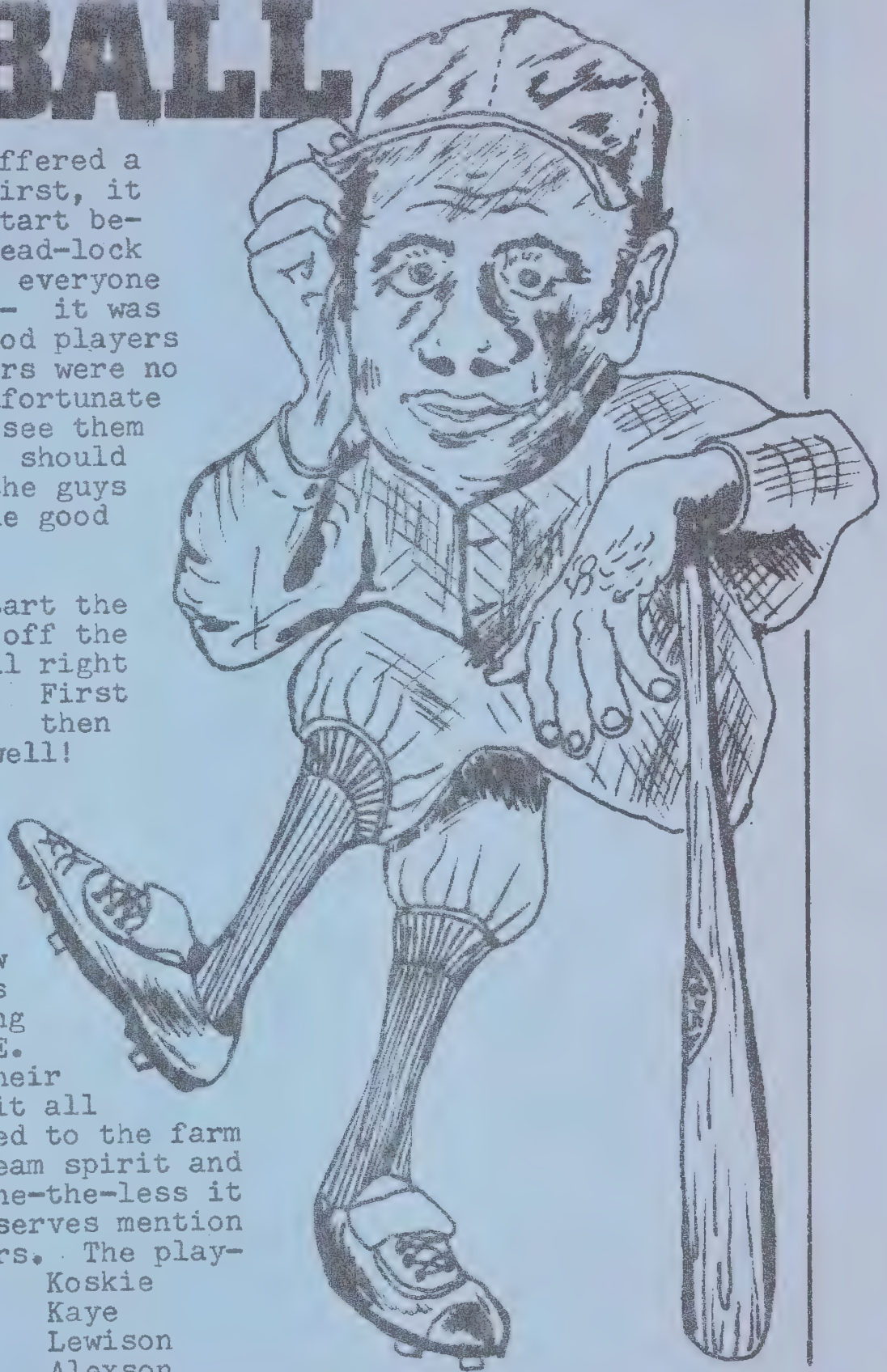
BASEBALL

Baseball this year has suffered a number of set-backs. First, it got off to a very slow start because of the period on dead-lock this spring. Then, after everyone was out and ready to go - it was found that half of the good players and all of the organizers were no longer with us. It is unfortunate that the powers that be see them only as trouble because it should be noted that these are the guys that organize most of the good things as well.

Anyway, after the slow start the ball finally did get off the ground and then it fell right back on the ground again. First three teams, then four, then five, and then two. Oh well!

First to hit the dirt was the Warriors. After that a mighty fine Chiefs went down the tube. The Chiefs were making one hell of a show and stood very good odds of giving the untiring Raiders, powered by big E. Cote, a good run for their money. But then, spoil it all Gaddie went and transferred to the farm annex and took all the team spirit and (sweaters) with him. None-the-less it was a fine team and deserves mention of the outstanding players. The players were:

c - Erickson	Koskie
m - Gaddie	Kaye
Pellitier	Lewison
Norton	Alexson
and Larocque	



Shortly after the player scramble caused by the collapse of the Chiefs, the Aces also went down the drain because of disputes over various technical things that us reporters don't fully understand. The Raiders and the Renegades stayed together to make it to the finals. For a roster list see page 38.

BATTING AVERAGES

PLAYER	AB	H.	R.	E	RBI	AV.	PLAYER	AB	H.	R.	E	RBI	AV.
Stonechild B	19	12	15	2	8	.632	Fiddler	48	15	7	4	14	.313
Cote E	47	28	29	3	34	.596	Payou	41	11	9	1	6	.268
Erickson	38	22	18	8	24	.576	Anaskan	30	8	5	3	7	.267
Dreaver	25	14	10	2	5	.560	Bigsky	15	4	3	1	1	.267
Barr	48	26	21	5	6	.542	Mayfield	44	11	9	5	2	.250
Roach	37	20	19	8	15	.541	PrairieChick	47	11	11	3	2	.234
Pellitier	30	16	10	2	10	.533	Champagne	23	5	3	0	2	.218
Arnott	15	8	6	1	1	.533	Paquette	23	5	2	2	2	.218
Lewison	27	14	9	4	11	.518	Naskathy	29	6	4	3	5	.207
Kaye	32	16	10	1	9	.500	Taylor	25	5	1	4	4	.200
Alexson	30	15	16	2	6	.500	Severight	26	5	2	2	7	.192
Stewart	24	12	7	2	4	.500	McGoo	26	3	3	5	2	.115
Graham	16	8	3	0	1	.500	Brydon	19	2	2	5	1	.105
Norton	30	14	11	5	12	.467	Mackinaw	20	2	2	2	2	.100
Kronkie	15	7	8	4	4	.467	*Parisien	4	4	5	0	2	1.000
Gaddie	26	12	10	2	7	.462	*Hamil	7	5	1	0	4	.714
Sakamoose	24	11	8	3	4	.458	*Worcemega	4	2	0	4	2	.500
Larocque	22	10	9	4	11	.455	*Villibrun	9	4	2	1	0	.444
Pacey	29	13	13	2	2	.448	*Warrington	7	3	3	0	3	.429
Gessie	29	13	5	4	1	.448	*Lundquest	5	2	2	2	1	.400
Alexander	19	8	3	4	1	.421	*Geottch	5	2	2	0	0	.400
Blanchard	24	10	11	2	7	.417	*Schofield	8	3	0	1	3	.375
Garr	33	13	11	0	5	.394	*Landry	11	4	2	1	2	.364
Cannon	18	7	2	1	1	.389	*Peece	14	5	3	2	1	.357
Koskie	27	10	9	1	4	.374	*Dominique	9	3	0	1	3	.333
Robichaud	19	7	3	1	1	.368	*Gemby	3	1	0	0	0	.333
Racette	41	15	13	3	10	.366	*Dumias	11	3	2	1	1	.273
Makokis	53	19	21	5	15	.359	*Pewan	4	1	1	0	1	.250
Papaquash	48	17	14	2	7	.354	*Lacorde	13	2	6	0	1	.154
Tawiyake	49	17	9	2	12	.347	*Nahbixie	7	1	3	0	1	.143
Meyers	35	12	5	3	2	.343	*Littlepine	3	0	0	0	0	----
Stonechild A	50	17	17	5	8	.340	*Simeon	3	0	1	1	0	----
Houle	52	17	14	8	6	.327	*Ellerbeck	6	0	0	1	0	----
Sinclair	50	16	15	7	10	.320	*Delver	8	0	1	5	0	----
Dodson	38	12	12	3	9	.316							

* AB less than 15

PITCHER AVERAGE

PLAYER	P.	W.	T.	L.	SO.	SOAv.	W.	W.Av	HA	HAAv	RA	RAAv
Cote E.	15	12	1	2	171	11.40	30	2.00	84	5.60	61	4.06
Pellitier	4	3	0	1	15	3.75	23	5.75	47	11.75	30	7.50
Gaddie	3	2	0	1	9	3.00	17	5.66	27	9.00	22	7.33
Blanchard	4	2	0	2	27	6.75	22	5.50	41	10.25	41	10.25
Houle	7	3	0	4	16	2.29	33	4.71	118	16.86	75	10.71
Roach	5	2	0	3	28	5.60	19	3.80	52	10.40	49	9.80
Naskathy	5	2	0	3	16	3.20	21	4.20	56	11.20	41	8.20
PrairieChick	4	1	1	2	9	2.25	14	3.50	29	7.25	26	6.50
Tawiyaka	5	1	0	4	28	5.60	31	6.20	59	11.80	49	9.80
Pewan	1	1	0	0	7	7.00	5	5.00	14	14.00	10	10.00
Norton	1	1	0	0	5	5.00	5	5.00	9	9.00	9	9.00
Lundquest	2	0	0	2	6	3.00	7	3.50	22	11.00	20	10.00
Mayfield	3	0	0	3	7	2.33	23	7.66	32	10.66	35	11.66
Larocque	4	0	0	4	9	2.25	11	2.75	57	14.25	50	12.50

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PITCHING AVERAGE'S ABBREVIATION CHART

<u>P.</u> =Games Played	<u>SO</u> =Total strike outs	<u>SOAv</u> =average strike outs
<u>W.</u> =Games Won	<u>W.</u> =Total walks pitched	<u>W.Av</u> =average walks per
<u>T.</u> =Games Tied	<u>HA</u> =Total hits pitched	<u>HAAv</u> =average hits against
<u>L.</u> =Games Lost	<u>RA</u> =Total runs pitched	<u>RAAv</u> =average runs against

Most strike outs in one game	19	SO's	Cote
Lowest Hits against one game	1	H.A.	Cote
Lowest runs against-shut out	0	R.A.	Cote (4)
	0	R.A.	PrairieCh (1)
Most runs against in one game	22	R.A.	Mayfield
Most Hits against in one game	23	H.A.	Houle
	23	H.A.	Roach



Average SO per game:	Highest	11.4	Cote	Lowest	2.25	Larocque
Average W. per game:	Lowest	2.0	Cote	Highest	7.66	Mayfield
Average HA per game:	Lowest	5.6	Cote	Highest	16.86	Houle
Average RA per game:	Lowest	4.1	Cote	Highest	12.50	Larocque

1st. PITCHING AWARD - E. COTE

BATTING AWARD - B STONECHILD

LEAGUE GAMES

1. Aces	4	Warriors	5	23. Warriors	C	Renegades	C
2. Chiefs	17	Rejects	5	24. Chiefs	21	Aces	5
3. Warriors	9	Renegades	8	25. Raiders	0	Renegades	0
4. Chiefs	1	Aces	0	26. Chiefs	C	Warriors	C
5. Rejects	14	Renegades	11	27. Aces	0	Raiders	5
6. Chiefs	P	Warriors	P	28. Renegades	5	Aces	4
7. Aces	R	Rejects	R	29. Raiders	C	Warriors	C
8. Renegades	R	Aces	R	30. Renegades	5	Chiefs	15
9. Rejects	R	Warriors	R	31. Warriors	C	Aces	C
10. Renegades	R	Chiefs	R	32. Raiders	1	Chiefs	0
11. Warriors	11	Aces	9	33. Chiefs	12	Aces	13
12. Rejects	10	Chiefs	8	34. Renegades	2	Raiders	11
13. Renegades	6	Warriors	4	35. Chiefs	13	Renegades	15
14. Aces	R	Chiefs	R	36. Raiders	17	Chiefs	10
15. Renegades	1	Rejects	2	37. Raiders	15	Renegades	0
16. Warriors	7	Chiefs	13	38. Raiders	6	Aces	2
17. Rejects	7	Aces	0	39. Aces	22	Renegades	18
18. Aces	2	Renegades	6	40. Renegades	4	Raiders	7
19. Warriors	5	Rejects	17	41. Aces	0	Renegades	1
20. Chiefs	16	Renegades	9	42. Raiders	7	Renegades	2
21. Aces	7	Warriors	8	43. Raiders	15	Aces	1
22. Chiefs	8	Rejects	7	44. Aces	13	Renegades	9

TEAM STANDINGS

	TEAM	PLAYED	W	T	L	POINTS
** 1st.	Raiders	17	14	1	2	29
* 2nd.	Renegades	17	5	1	11	11
Fold	Chiefs	12	7	0	5	14
Fold	Warriors	7	4	0	3	8
Fold	Aces	15	3	0	12	6

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The play-offs are between the top-notch Raiders lead by the impressive pitching of E. Cote and the "Never Say Die" Renegades. The Renegades are right in there but it will take more than spirit for them to overcome the superb pitching. OFF THE WALL's sports forecast has the Raiders taking it four- zip. There is a faint possibility of an upset but at this point it is only faint. The following is a list of the players on the respective teams:

RAIDERS		RENEGADES	
Cochrane	- m	Schofield	- m
E. Cote	- c	Kronkie	- c
Makokis		Lundquest	
Stonechild		Sinclair	
Garr		PrairieChicken	
Papaquash		Racette	
		Mayfield	
		Barr	
		Payou	
		Severight	
		Anaskan	
		Houle	
		Satch	
		McGoo	



BIG BROTHER'S BROTHER

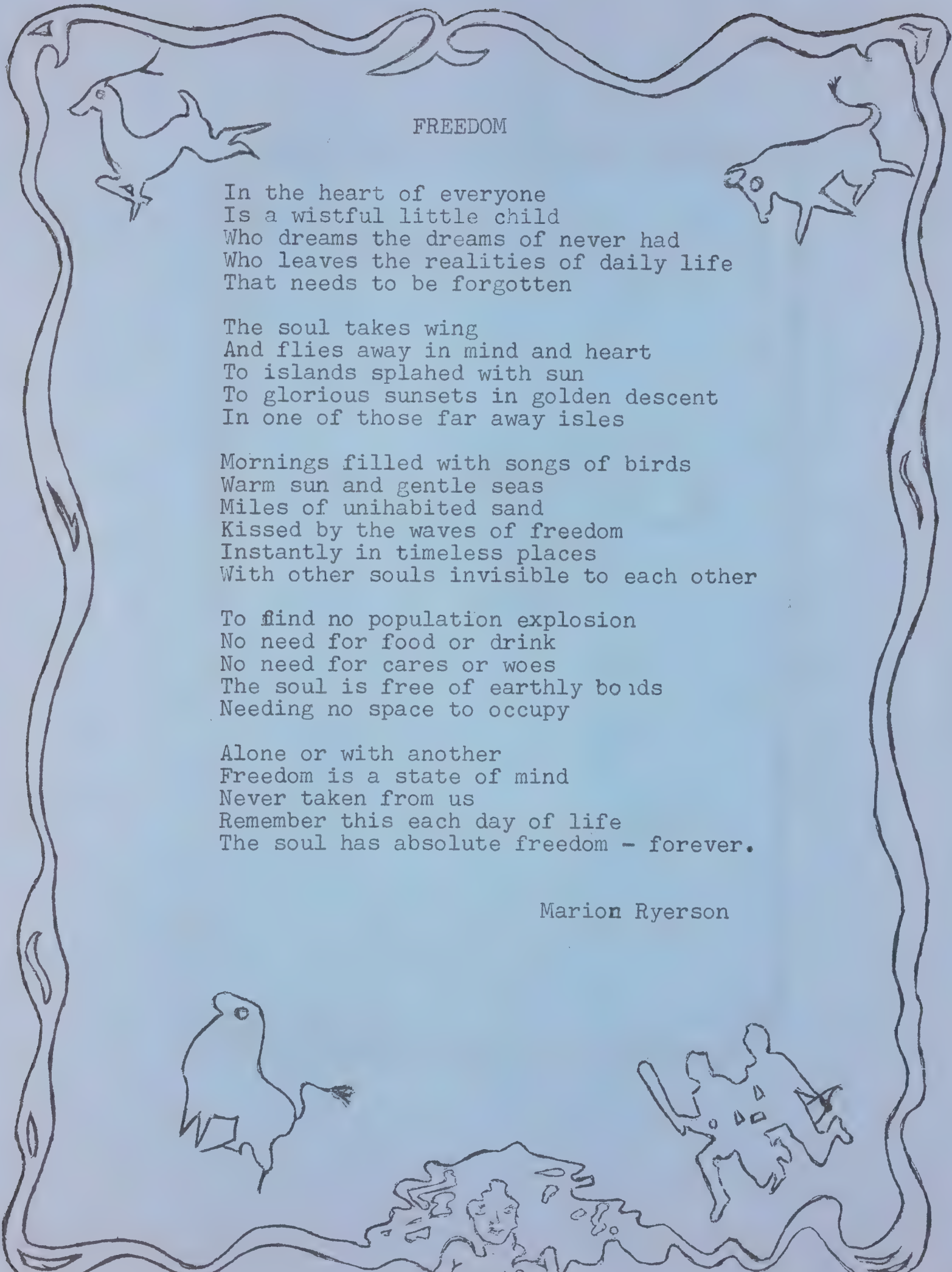
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At Its Best Class of '76.



by Doctor Shrink

Author of
**DOLLARS, SPIES AND
POLITICIANS**



FREEDOM

In the heart of everyone
Is a wistful little child
Who dreams the dreams of never had
Who leaves the realities of daily life
That needs to be forgotten

The soul takes wing
And flies away in mind and heart
To islands splashed with sun
To glorious sunsets in golden descent
In one of those far away isles

Mornings filled with songs of birds
Warm sun and gentle seas
Miles of unihabited sand
Kissed by the waves of freedom
Instantly in timeless places
With other souls invisible to each other

To find no population explosion
No need for food or drink
No need for cares or woes
The soul is free of earthly bonds
Needing no space to occupy

Alone or with another
Freedom is a state of mind
Never taken from us
Remember this each day of life
The soul has absolute freedom - forever.

Marion Ryerson

SONNET

Time and space
we are matter of
as perhaps
reminders
when
of denied mother
breast fed orgies
plastic bottled
chem-canadian child!
But still
you come to me
in innoances
with your call
of love....
and your last
beggardly request
'Dispose of Properly'

DAB

SENTENCE

The female genital,
like the blank page
anticipating the poem
is an absence,
a not me, which I occupy.
By occupying absence, I experience
myself becoming more than what
I was. The blank page and this
genital are an appeal to being
by being where I was not
I am no longer self-contained
I experience myself in dimensions
contours, textures my mate
when she is undressed
naked like undressed pine
I not only feel her, but see her.
She is wrinkled.
High country, faceless,
rough on the feet
Swindling the lungs. I am poor
but igneous landscape asks
nothing of me,
nor gives me anything I want
but myself.....

Sandra McPherson

THE GAME IS OVER

My soul doth wither in anguish
Tho no sound escapes my lips
I gambled for lifes highest stakes
And fate raked in the chips.

Each chip was a year of my freedom
Crime was the name of the game
Destiny dealt all of the cards
I but played them as they came.

When I thought I had a winning hand
I would "check" as they say
Only to have fate raise the bets
And take the pots away.

I laughed at the odds against me
Thinking only of what could be won
Betting heavy on every hand
And losing them one by one.

Now, suddenly the game is over
I've no chips left to bet
Alone within my prison cell
I've twelve long years to regret.

Buddy Smith

AT FIFTEEN

Once an ex-con told me
that I was pretty....he
said if I were in prison
I'd be someone's woman
I would have to obey him
be faithful to him.....
and to no one else!
and if I weren't
I'd be knifed - slit
until the blood
filled my throat
bled, until the redness
became a poem
and then a song.
What was once a fancy
has
become
reality.....

DAB

CHANNEL 6 RADIO ROOM SCHEDULE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Noon</u>	<u>Supper</u>	<u>Lock-up</u>
Monday	Rock n Roll	Country & Western	Blues & Jazz
Tuesday	Rock n Roll	Country & Western	Soft Rock
Wednesday	Rock n Roll	Country & Western	Hard Rock
Thursday	Rock n Roll	Country & Western	Country
Friday	Rock n Roll	Country & Western	Rock n Roll
Saturday	Rock n Roll	Country & Western	Rock n Roll
Sunday	Rock n Roll	Country & Western	Rock n Roll

For those of you who do send in requests it would be appreciated by the operator's of the Radio Room that you sign your request slips - so that if for some reason we are unable to play your request we may explain why, also we would give you a time when you can hear your request.

Inmates are permitted to purchase records from down-town. Which must be donated to the Radio Room. We do receive a one dollar deduction if purchased from SOUND CITY.

Records may also be sent in from family and friends but once again, the must be donated to the radio room. Please check with-Dennis Hahn for further information.

We appreciate your requests and your listening. If you have any suggestions, please contact the Inmate Committee or Dennis Hahn.

RECORD LIST

A
 Allman Brothers
 Beginnings
 Brothers and Sisters
 At Fillmore East
 Idle Wind South
 Cricketwood Green
 A Space in Time
 Ssssh Ten Ears After
 Undead
 The Associations
 Greatest Hits
 Jefferson Airplane
 Volunteers

B
 Bark
 Bark
 Chuck Berry
 London Sessions
 Rare Bird
 Savoy Brown
 Lion's Share
 Looking In
 Street Corner Talking
 Butterfield Blues Band
 Jeff Beck

Jerry Butler
 Best of Jerry Butler
 The Beach Boys
 20/20
 Good Vibration
 Live at the Appollo
 James Brown
 Super Bad
 Bush
 Edward Bear
 Edward Bear
 Close Your Eyes
 The Beatles
 Beatles VI
 Meet the Beatles
 Hard Days Night
 Magical Mystery Tour
 Beatle Mania
 The Early Beatles
 Iron Butterfly
 Ina Goda Dava
 Ball
 Eric Burden & The Animals
 Joan Baez
 The Band
 Stage Fright
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RECORDS - continued

The Moody Blues
 Every Good Boy Deserves
 Favor
 To Our Childrens Child-
 rens Children
 Blood Rock
 Live
 Bachman Turner Overdrive
 Not Fragile
 Buffey St. Marie
 The Best of Bread
 Commander Cody
 Lost Planet Airmen
 Jim Croce
 Don't Mess Around With Jim
 I Got a Name
 Life and Times
 C.C.R.
 Creedance Clearwater
 Pendulum
 Bayou Country
 Crowbar
 Bad Manor
 Cosmo's Factory
 Harry Chapman
 Heads and Tails
 David Crosby
 If I Could Remember My Name
 The Chamber Brother
 New Brothers
 The Collectors
 Chilliwack
 Chilliwack
 Riding High
 Lenard Cohen
 Songs of Love and Hate
 Chick Corea
 Return to Forever
 Alice Cooper
 Killer
 School's Out
 Love it to Death
 King Crimson
 The Cream
 Best of the Cream
 Live Cream
 Wheels of Fire
 Chicken Shack
 Imagination Lady
 Eric Clapton
 History of Eric Clapton
 461 Ocean Boulevard
 Colosseum
 Daughter of Time

Chicago
 Chicago - Double LP
 Cactus
 One Way or Another
 Joe Cocker
 I can Stand a Little Rain
 Mad Dogs & Englishmen
 Joe Cocker
 King Curtis
 Live at Fillmore West
 The Best of King Curtus
 J.J. Cale
 Naturally
 Okie Okie
 Rita Coolidge
 Catfish
 Live
 D
 Deric and the Dominos
 Humphrey & The Dumptrucks
 Neil Diamond
 Stones
 Moods
 Hot August Night, Double LP
 Touching You, Touching Me
 Donovan
 The World of Donovan
 The Doors
 Waiting in the Sun
 LA Woman
 John Denver
 Rocky Mountain High
 Bod Dylan
 Nashville High
 Greatest Hits Vol. II
 Planet Waves
 Blonde on Blonde
 Greatful Dead
 Rick Derringer
 All American Boy
 Mils Davis
 At the Fillmore
 Bitches Brew
 Steely Dan
 Can't Buy a Thrill

E
 Eagles
 Desporado

F
 Roberta Flack
 First Take , Quiet Fire
 continued.....

RECORDS - continued

Feliciano
 Vanilla Fudge
 Blind Faith
 Grand Funk Railroad
 Grand Funk Railroad
 Shine On
 On Time
 Killing Floor
 Pink Floyd
 Vanilla Fudge
 Rock and Roll
 Aretha Franklin
 Greatest Hits
 Frieid Pink

G

J. Geils
 J. Geils Band
 Simon and Garfunkel
 Bridge Over Troubled Water
 Sounds of Silence
 The Grass Roots
 Greatest Hits
 James Gang
 Straight Shooter
 Rides Again
 Live in Concert
 2 Years On
 Bee Gees

H

Richie Havens
 On Stage
 Jimi Hendrix
 Cry of Love
 Band of Gypsies
 Experience
 Hair
 Issaac Hayes
 Issaac Hayes Movement
 Shaft
 Wriah Heap
 Uriah Heap
 Salisbury
 Paul Hann
 Procol Harem
 Whoosh
 Broken Barricades
 Shine on Brightly
 Live
 A Salty Dog
 Big Brother and The Holding Co.
 Big Brother
 Cheap Thrills

Janis Joplin
 In Concert
 Pearl
 Kosmic Blues
 Dr. John
 The Night Tripper
 Paul Jones
 Crucifix in a Horseshoe
 Elton John
 Don't Shoot Me
 Madman Across the Water

K

B.B. King
 Confessin' the Blues
 Carol King
 Music
 Tapestry

L

John Lennon
 Imagine
 Arthur Lyman
 Yellow Bird

M

Melanie
 Garden in the City
 Madrugada
 Don McLean
 American Pie
 Playing Favorites
 McKenna Mendelson Mailine
 Stink
 Paul and Linda McCartney
 Ram
 Lee Michaels
 Lee Micheals
 Barrel
 5 th.
 John Mayall
 Steve Miler Band
 Steve Miler Band
 Brave New World
 The Joker
 Carlos Santana Buddy Miles
 Live
 Herbie Mann
 Memphis Underground
 Joni Mitchell
 Court and Sparks
 Clouds
 Cutis Mayfield
 Curtis Live Double LP

RECORDS - continued

Marie Muldaur
 Waitress in a Donut Shop
 Fleetwood Mac
 Kiln House
 Bare Tree
 They Play On
 English Rose
 In Chicago
 Van Morrison
 Astral Weeks

N

Nazareth
 Raz Ama Naz
 Three Dog Night
 It Ain't Easy
 Three Dog Night
 Live at the Forum
 Harmony

O

Osibesa
 Osibesa

Q

Suzi Quatro
 Quatro

P

Deep Purple
 Deep Purple
 Best of Deep Purple
 Fire Ball
 In Rock
 Emerson Lake and Palmer
 Tarkus
 Humble Pie
 Rock On
 Performance
 Rockin in the Fillmore

R

Johnny Rivers
 Touch of Gold
 Easy Rider
 Kenny Rogers The First Edition
 Greatest Hits
 Leon Russel The Shelter People
 Red Bone
 Pollatch
 Lou Reed
 Berlin
 Rock n Roll Animal
 Rhinoceros

S

Stampeders
 Against the Grain
 Harry Neilson
 Son of Schmilson
 Sha Na Na
 Rock&Roll is here to Stay
 Spanky and Our Gang
 Quick Silver
 Sly and The Family Stones
 Greatest Hits
 Stand
 There's a Riot Going On
 Cat Stevens
 Budda & The Chocolate Box
 Tea For Tillerman
 Teaser and the Fire Cat
 Rod Stewart
 Gasoline Alley
 Every Picture Tells A Story
 Never a Dull Moment
 Black Sabbath
 Master of Reality
 Paranoid
 Steppenwolf
 Gold
 Steppenwold
 Steppenwolf 7
 For Ladies Only
 Rollin Stones
 It's Only Rock and Roll
 Goats Head Soup
 Beggars Banquet
 Sticky Fingers
 Let it Bleed
 High Tide and Green Grass
 Between the Buttons
 Carly Simon
 No Secrets
 Santanna
 Santanna Abraxas
 Santanna
 Buffalo Springfield
 Best of
 Long Lost Relatives Syrinx
 True North
 Boz Scaggs
 Boz Scaggs
 Moments
 Slow Danger
 Indian Summer
 Panama Limited
 Traffic
 John Barleycorn Must Die

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RECORDS - continued

T

James Taylor
 Sweat Baby James
 Ike and Tina Turner
 What You Hear Is What You Get
 Get it Together
 Nuff Said
 Blood Sweat and Tears
 Blood Sweat & Tears
 Child is a Father to Man
 4
 Brownie McGhee and Sonny Terry
 The Best of
 Trilogy
 It Starts Again
 Jethro Tull
 Aqualung
 Velvet Underground and Nico

W

The Guess Who
 So Long Bannatyne
 The Best of the Guess Who
 Wheat Field Soul
 Who's Next
 Live at Leeds
 Meaty Beaty Big and Brawny
 Woodstock
 Double LP
 The Edgar Winter Group
 Shock Treatment
 Johnny Winters
 Austin Texas
 Weather Report
 Sweet Nights

Y and Z

Neil Young
 Everybody Knows this is
 no where
 On the Beach
 After the Gold Rush
 Crosby Still Nash & Young
 Crosby Stills and Nash
 Led Zepplin
 Led Zepplin
 II
 III
 Good times Bad times
 Zephyr

COUNTRY AND WESTERN

15 Country Hits
 Hillbilly Hit Parade
 30 Western Favorites

Kings of the Steel Guitars
 25 Original Western Hits
 20 Big Country Songs
 Blue Ribbon Country Songs II
 Country Stars
 The World of Giant Western
 20 Original Country Classics
 Country Hit Parade

Lynn Anderson
 The Who of Country Western
 By
 Rose Garden
 Bill Anderson
 Greatest Hits
 Greatest Hits Vol. II
 Bill and Jan
 Chet Atkins
 Pickin My Way
 Country Guitar
 The Allen Sisters
 Jackie, Coralie
 Micheal Brandon
 In Just a Short While
 Johnny Cash
 I walk The Line
 San Quenten
 Wild Carter
 Walls of Memory
 Tom Connors
 My Stompin Grounds
 Patsy Cline
 Bobby Gentry and Glen Campbell
 Glen Campbell
 By the Time I Get to Phoenix
 Wichita Lineman
 Roy Clark
 Best of
 Al Cherney
 The Fiddle Sound of
 Golden Slippers
 Leroy Van Dyke
 Greatest Hits
 Jackie De Shannon
 Put a Little Love
 Donna Fargo
 Happiest Girl in the Whole
 Barry Forman
 Tun n' Fiddle
 Tommy Hunter
 Johnny Horton
 Greatest Hits
 Merle Hagard
 The Best of Merle

RECORDS - continued

Merle Hagard
 Let Me Tell You of Songs
 The Best of The Best
 Tom T. Hall
 Cedartown Georgia
 Waylon Jennings
 The Greatest
 George Jones
 Sing Again
 Heartaches by the Number
 Singing 14 toppers
 The Race is On
 Sonny James
 Invisible Tears
 George Hamiltan IV
 Texas Highway
 Cananian Pacific
 Debbie Lorri Kaye
 Hey Little One
 Gordon Lightfoot
 Sit Down
 Summer Side of Life
 Don Quixote
 Old Dance Records
 Back Here on Earth
 Light Foot
 Lorretta Lynn
 One's on the Way
 Wanna be Free
 Greatest of
 Brenda Lee
 Sincerely
 Golden Years
 Brenda
 Mercy Brothers
 Have Mercy
 Glene MacClellan
 Anne Murry
 Talk it Over in the Morning
 This Way Out
 Straight n Clean
 Roger Miller
 Golden Hits
 Roy Orbison
 Greatest Hits
 Buck Owens
 The Great White Horse
 In You Palm
 Tiger by the Tail
 Dolly Parton Porter Wagner
 Two of a Kind
 Charley Pride
 Best of Charley Pride
 Best of Charley II
 Pride of Western Music
 Country

Charley Pride
 I'm Just Me
 Heart Songs
 Barney Peters
 The Rythmn Pak
 The Rhythm Pak
 Tennessee Birdwalk
 Jimmie Rogers
 The Folk Song
 Jim Reeves
 My Country Side
 To My Heart
 Have I Told You Lately
 Nancy Sinatra
 Country My Way
 Hank Snow
 Award Winners
 Tanya Tucker
 Would You Lay With Me
 The Western Union
 Kitty Wells
 Kitty Wells
 Sincerely
 Tammy Wynette
 George Jones and Tammy Wynette
 We Go Together
 Dolly West
 The Best Of
 Porter Wagner
 Your Old Letter
 Kris Kristopherson
 Jesus Was a Capricorn
 Silver Tongue Devil and I
 Border Lord
 Me and Bobby McGee
 KO-KO-Joe

OLDIES

American Graffiti
 The Mother of Invention
 Freak Out
 200 Motels
 Mothers
 Just Another Band
 The Worst of the Mothers
 Johnny Rivers
 Golden Hits
 2001 Space Odyssey
 Jimmy Reed at Carnegie
 Hugh Montenegro and Orchestra
 Doug Kershaw
 Cajun Way
 Peter Seeger
 Rainbow Race

RECORDS - continued

Wes Montgomery
 Goin Out of My Head
 O. C. Smith
 Tall Oak Tree
 B. J. Thomas
 Raindrops
 Andy Kim
 How'd We Ever Get this Way
 World Star Festival
 Super Oldies Vol V
 Englebert Humperdink
 Mammias and Papas
 Golden Era
 Arthur Conley
 Sweet Soul
 16 Top Hits
 22 Original Hits
 Happenings Here
 20 Heavy Hits Vol II
 20 Original Stars
 20 Fantastic Hits
 20 More Fantastic Hits
 Elvis Presly
 Elvis in Person
 Oh My God 20 More Original Hits
 25 Rock Revival Greats
 The Best of Al Hirt, Vol I & 2
 Herb Albert
 The Brass are Coming
 Tom Jones
 Green Grass of Home
 Live at Las Vegas
 Jackie De Shannon
 Put a Little Love in Your
 Elvis Presley
 Elvis
 Carpenters
 O. C. Smith
 At Home
 The Bells
 Studio A
 The West Coast Pop Art Band
 Arlo Guthrie
 Alice's Resturant
 Al Martino
 Summer of 42
 Jimmy Reed
 At Carnegie Hall
 Al Martino - Jean
 Rag Stevens - Greatest Hits
 Dionne Warwick
 Soulful
 Golden Hits
 Lou Rawls - Live
 Ray Charles - Listen



COMEDY

The Firesign Theatre
 Dear Friends
 Waiting for the Electrician
 Don't Crush the Dwarf
 Red Fox
 Redi Fox
 Murry Roman
 Lenny Bruce
 Cheech and Chong
 The Fire Side Theatre
 All Hall Marx

JAZZ & BLUES

Ray Charles, Volume II
 Rhythm and Blues Band
 Nat King Cole
 - Nat King Cole
 Where Did Everyone Go
 Stevie Wonder
 Count Basie
 Jazz Lp
 The Best of Glenn Miller
 Benny Goodman Story
 Moog, Dick Hyman
 Wilson Pickett
 The Midnight Mover
 In Love, 2 records
 Woody Herman
 Bill Doggett
 Prelude to the Blues
 Sachmo's, Golden Favorites
 Henry Mancini, Peter Gunn
 Duke Ellington, Blue Light
 Dinah Washington
 Peter Fountain and the
 New Orleans All Stars
 Ella Fitzgerald
 Louis Armstrong
 Rock Mass For Love
 Helen Humes
 Jawani Duivani
 The Billy Holiday Story, 2 LP
 Mahalia Jackson, Newport 1958
 Bill Cosby, Man and Boy
 Diana Ross and The Supremes

NEW RECORDS

Tower of Power, Back to Oakland
 Savoy Brown, Boogie Brothers
 John Baldy, It Ain't Easy
 Atomic Rooster
 Dr. John, In the Right Place
 Van Morison
 Marc Osborne, My Kind of Country

MURDER - by Darryl Davis, Saskatoon

As a Canadian criminologist, I am particularly alarmed by the fact that mandatory minimum prison sentences of 10 years without eligibility for parole are being considered for person convicted of second-degree, murder. That the Federal Government is instituting harsh penal measures for this offender is regrettable as it has implication for increasing violence in our society.

The fact that person found guilty of murder in the second degree would not be executed, even if we had the death penalty, is often overlooked. The public has failed to realize that mitigating facts which are operating at the time the act occurs, such as provocation, are considered by the criminal courts when sentencing the offender.

A study by Marvin E. Wolfgang, at the University of Pennsylvania has shown that the following facts are associated with patterns of criminal homicide; 1) Criminal homicide is an act of inter-personal violence where a strong relationship exist between the victim and the offender. 2) A substantial number of homicides occur where the victim precipitates or commences the act that leads to his murder. 3) Homicides, as a whole, tend to be highly charged emotional acts that occur spontaneously during an argument or under extreme periods of stress.

Evidence supporting Wolfgang's findings are found in Von Hentig's research on the criminal and his victim and in Statistics Canada where approximately 200 murders involved domestic quarrels while another 193 were between casual friends and acquaintances....393 out of 500. There is evidence to show that as a whole convicted murderers have the lowest rates of recidivism in comparison to other offenders, and that domestic disputes comprise the largest percentage of cases involving murder. It is illogical to impose unusually long prison terms of 10 to 25 years on this category of offender. Yet this is what the proposed legislation advocates. It is important to note that there are no safeguard contained within the Peace and Security Legislation to prevent sentencing disparities that may arise due to the prejudices or idiosyncrasies, of the judge or that may occur due to plea bargaining between the prosecutor and the defense lawyer.

Although a mandatory minimum sentence is being imposed for second-degree murder, the legislation provides in some cases the term can be increased to 25 years. An extended term would be justified by (a) the nature of the offence and (b) a recommendation by the jury regarding the appropriate sentence. It is possible, therefore, that two offenders who commit similar crimes and have similar backgrounds could be sentenced to different terms. Under the proposed legislation, such an extensive range of prison terms makes likelihood of bias and discrimination all too evident for complacency.

Criminologists have demonstrated that there is no difference in reconviction rates between offenders sentenced either to a long or short term of imprisonment. Hammond and Chayen in England found very little difference in re-conviction rates between offenders serving a sentence of less than four years and offenders serving periods of detention for

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up to seven or eight years. Research by Johnson and Mueller in California has also reached similar conclusions which reveal that there is no deference in recidivist rates even where sentences are dramatically reduced.

Under the proposed Peace and Security legislation, however, the Government is imposing longer terms of imprisonment on a category of offender who is least likely to re-offend, and secondly, that may be totally unnecessary considering the fact that the objectives of specific and general deterrence could be accomplished just as effectively if the prison term itself was reduced by as much as one to two-thirds of the original sentence.

A study in England by Cohen and Taylor regarding the effect of long-term imprisonment of offenders has revealed (1) that inmates' hopes for release diminish and they suffer from physical and psychological deterioration, and (2) adaptation by inmates to a penal institution may vary from passive-nonresistance to direct and violent confrontation with prison staff.

Long term prison sentences will merely worsen the offenders already, abysmal chances for successful reintegration into the working world. Under these conditions, the likelihood of recidivism becomes self-evident. To base penal legislation solely on retributive grounds by ignoring the ominous effects such a policy will have, can only increase rather than decrease criminal behavior in society.

Darryl T. Davies - Saskatoon, Sask. - U. of S. Sociology.

PEARLY GATES

A man stood at the pearly gates
His face was scarred and old
He stood before St. Peter
For admission to the fold.

"What have you done," St. Peter asked
"To gain admission here?"
"I've been in the pen sir!
For many and many a year....."

The pearly gates swung open wide
St. Peter touched a bell,
"Come in, choose a harp," he said
"You've had your share of hell....."

Wayne Martell.

A business executive invited one of his salesmen home to dinner. Calling his wife to let her know, he was met by a barrage of complaints. "You can't mean it. The house is filthy because the maid didn't show up. The puppy still isn't housebroken, the baby keeps crying, the supermarket is already closed and all we have is left-over spaghetti. Besides all that, I don't feel like company." "Of course honey," the husband reassured her. "That's exactly the reason I invited Joe. The dummy keeps telling me about how he wants to get married."



Letters to the Editor:

Dear Ed:

Okay, I am writin thiss heere lettur caus I heerd bout u an thum guys, at bin writin theese heere hurable lyes bout me an me cows cause, I bin livin heere all my lif an no wan sayed thet befere. the land uses settin on did belons to me for them deu guber-munt fella's don stol it

Okay, I get drank unce an a-willie. I telin you wat I tol thad juge, thatt i bin "Incinerated" in this heere jail fore too daze an infun u don't macke my staye "radio-active" I will put in a ritt of "rigor--mortis" an thun weere wall youse be - huh? Can youse answers that!

Anoni-mouse RR#2 PA

Dear Ed:

Perhaps this may be a little forward of me to relate my problems when we all have problems of our own. But I just was to say that I do feel much much better as I write this. Because I have the worst affliction in the prison. You se, I am the guy with the flared nostrils. Oh you may say, "So what? They are hardly noticable." But I know. I will just continue on my way and hear "there goes the guy with the flared nostrils!"

Name Withheld

Hi Ed:

I would just like to tell you a joke I heard the other day. Everytime I try to tell it people walk away or threaten to re-arrange my face, so here it goes. It seems there are two psychologists and a frog. Well they put the 'frog' on the table and yell JUMP at him and he just sits there. So they cut off one of his arms and yell jump. But the same thing happens. Now they continue this process with no success. Finally they cut off his last limb and scream, "JUMP FROG", but he just sits there. What was the matter with the frog? Give up huh, he was deaf, stone deaf! Isn't that a riot huh? Ha - heh man, what's with the noose? Huh.....

Name Withheld Pending Autopsy

To: Inmate Population

From: Andy Rollo, Head-Social Development

Re: Programs for long term offenders

As a result of Bill C - 84 Criminal Law Amendment Act which came into effect July 26, 1976 an increasing number of men will be entering the institution with longer sentences i.e. twenty-five years before 'parole' eligibility. The concern at this point is what can be done for these men in view of the long sentences. What suitable programs can be implemented that will be of 'benefit' to these inmates?

The Assistant Deputy Commissioner(Inmate Programs) Ottawa requests that inmate groups or individuals if they so wish, write submissions to himself with any ideas for any program possibilities they have in mind that will assist in off-setting the negative impact of the larger sentences. Any submissions will be greatly appreciated. Please forward to: Assistant Deputy Commissioner-Inmate Programs
Canadian Penitentiary Service
340 Laurier Avenue West
Sir Wilfred Laurier Building
Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0P9.

THANKS

I am unaccustomed to thanking people
for rarely have I been blessed
By the unselfish acts of others
In deeds or thoughtfulness.

When the rare occasion does occur
And I feel my thanks are due
I'm never sure what I should say
Or exactly what to do.

For most people, it's easy to express
Their thanks and gratitude
Whereas my expression always seems
Inappropriate and crude.

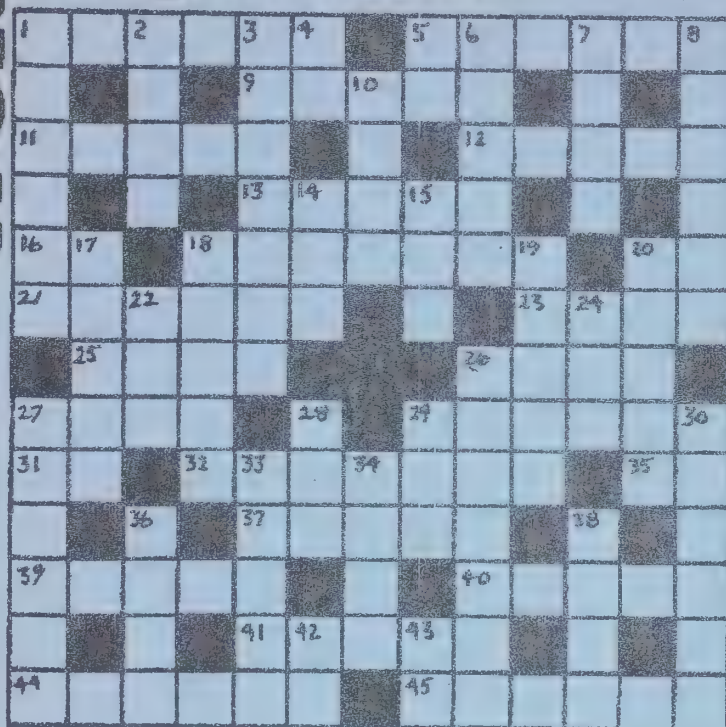
There's an art to saying thank you
- tho simple it may be -
That others seem familiar with
But is still unknown to me.

I tell myself someday I'll learn
But I doubt that I ever will
For the urge for me to thank someone
Is an urge I rarely feel.

Buddy Smith

WORD

two great hobbies



ACROSS

1. Safe opening specialist, sl.
5. To have two living spouses
9. Illegal activity, slang
11. Like 2 down, but more so
12. City in Nebraska
13. Atlantic, Pacific, etc.
16. Paid commercial, abbr.
18. To do away with, put end to
20. _____ Pacino, actor
21. Scandinavian Country
23. Military land force
25. Canal around a castle
26. Dull, cheerless
27. Fermented beverage
29. French for "women"
31. Editor, abbr.
32. System of measurement just being introduced
35. Eastern island state in USA
37. New Zealand aborigine
39. Stanza
40. Curling accessory
41. India's currency
44. Skid row alcoholics, sl.
45. Common-law husband, sl.

DOWN

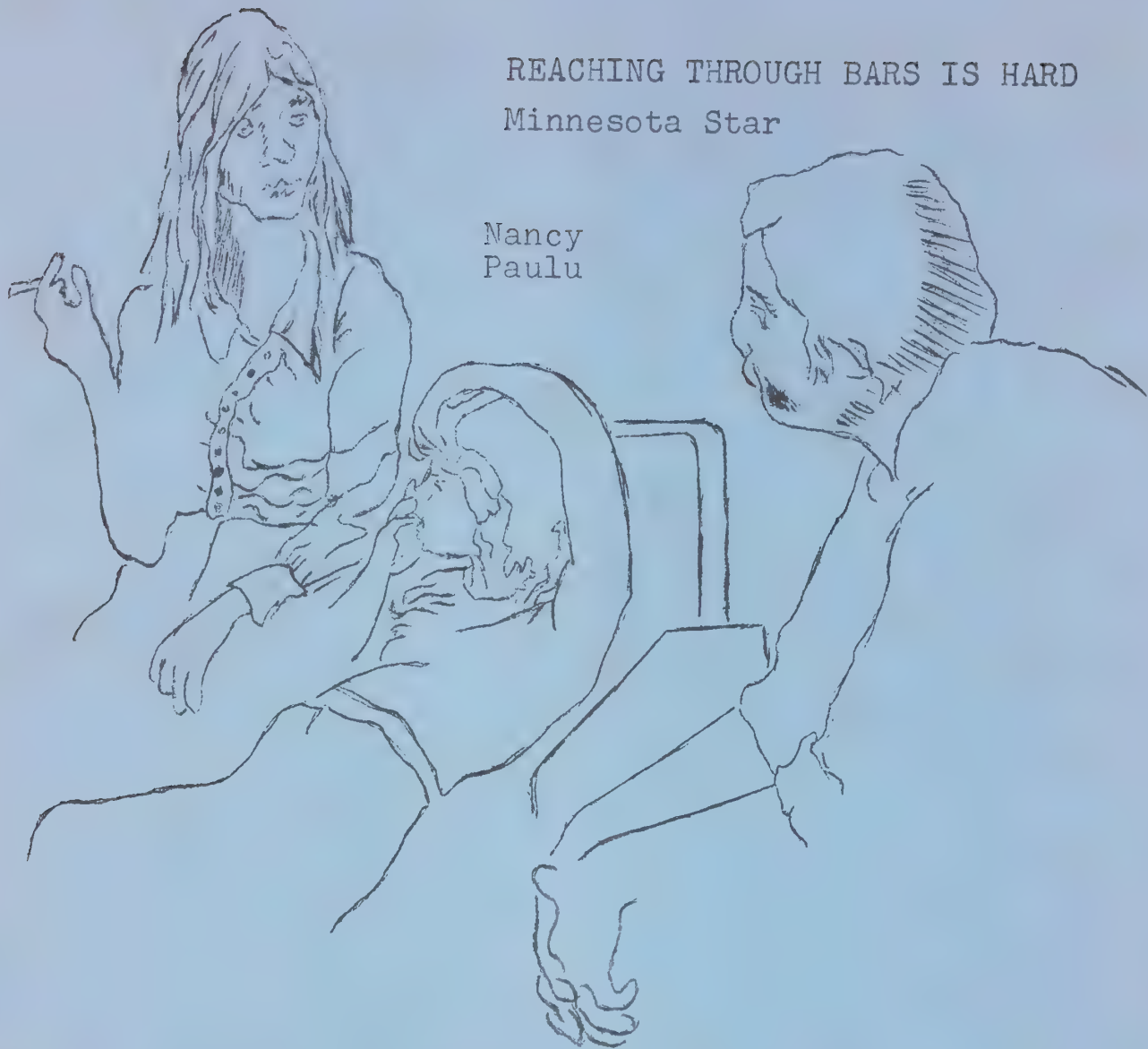
1. Fast-talking swindler, sl.



by Jeff

2. Pleasant, agreeable, etc.
3. Circus gymnast
4. A continent, abbr.
5. "To ___, or not to ___?"
6. Manacles
7. Character in Moby Dick
8. Annually
10. Rind
14. Artfully shy or modest
15. Militant Native Organization
17. Vaulted, architecture
18. "Happines is 1 4 gun." Beatles song.
19. Injuries or hurts
20. Intermediate traffic light
22. Fish eggs
24. Male sheep
26. Unit of intensity of sound
27. "Eager _____." - avid enthusiast
28. Estimated time of arrival
29. Coniferous tree
30. Lookout on heist, slang
33. Fine abrasive cloth
34. To play or frolic
36. Extra hand in a certain card game
38. Weaving machine
42. Objective case, plural of we
43. Ex Officio, abbr.

REACHING THROUGH BARS IS HARD
Minnesota Star



Nancy
Paulu

"I drive all the way to Stillwater Prison, then wait for an hour to get into the visitor's room to see my guy. It's smoky and stinky in there and there's litter all over the place. Really and truly, I see very little future for our relationship."

- Judy, age 28, ex-fiancee of Stillwater inmate doing 1-10 for armed robbery.

Mother thinks that I am a fool for going up to St. Cloud Reformatory to see Ronald week after week. A woman's got to be awful hard up to go to prison to see a man she tells me. But I'm stubborn and headstrong, so she can't tell me nothin'. If you love somebody, you can't forget them, no matter where they are."

- Sandra, age 29, fiancee of a St. Cloud inmate doing 1-10 for forgery.

A happy relationship with a prison inmate isn't easy to maintain. Its a traumatic experience, most women say, to drive (or be bused) miles each week to see your man, to lug a screaming toddler up the prison's front steps, wondering the whole time if you will be stripped and searched by a prison guard, if the child's bottle will be inspected for contraband.

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After the gate to the visiting room clanks behind you shut, there is little chance, in the midst of dozens of other visitors, to tell your man how you feel or to express affection for him. No sexual expression is allowed.

Some relationships - and some women - deteriorate during the period of separation. A few blossom. All women say numerous obstacles must be overcome if the relationship is to survive. Prison officials - and some women - are reluctant to blame the couples' problems on the penal system alone. A person who habitually commits crimes, James Zellmer, assistant warden at Stillwater said, "have a better than average chance of having their relationship with his wife or girlfriend less than it should be - whether or not he is incarcerated."

Orville Pung, deputy Corrections Commissioner agrees, "eighty-five percent of the inmates have chemical dependency problems - and almost all have alcohol and marriage problems to." Many women involved with prison inmates aren't married to them. Figures from Minnesota Department of Corrections show that in June 1975 only 26% of the Stillwater inmates were married. About 42% were single, 21% were divorced and the rest had other marital statuses (including legal and non-legal separations and annulments).

Prison officials said many inmates may not be married because they have been in and out of prison before they were able to get married and haven't the time or inclination to develop close relationships - furthermore, many inmates are young. In June 1975, more than 36% of Stillwater were under 25 years old. Whatever the form of the relationship, it is apt to take a turn for the worse the minute the man is arrested, said James Cullen, assistant professor of Law at the University of Minnesota, and a co-ordinator of Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP). As soon as the man is removed from the streets, the couple has a hard time communicating with each other, Cullen said.

When the woman, rather than the man, is incarcerated, the same strains may occur in the relationship, prison officials said. But women are less likely to get locked up. Stillwater has an average of 720, St. Cloud 460 and the Correctional Institute for Women at Shakopee 35.

Economic strains accompany separation. "If he (the man) is removed - from the street - for 24 or 36 hours and he's a day labourer, the chances are he'll get fired," Cullen said. Bail and unexpected expenses may intensify money problems. Some women who have never worked before, must find jobs. Others go on welfare. Sandra, whose fiancée is in St. Cloud, said her telephone bill for calls between the prison and Minneapolis "most months run about \$40 but in one recent month reached \$300." The phone company recently threatened to cut her off because she is behind in her payments.

The 'nature' of the offense may affect the extent to which problems in the relationship develop. "If the man is charged with rape or aggravated assault, the wife is embarrassed," Tom Williams, correctional ombudsman, said. "She may begin to have doubts about her own sexuality. A murder charge is equally difficult for a woman to accept, he said.

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REACHING THROUGH BARS IS HARD - continued from the last page
There is also added stress if the woman wasn't aware of her man's criminal activity before his arrest/ Family members may affect the relationship in a negative way, Cullen says. "It is not uncommon for a mother to urge her daughter into a divorce - particularly if the bride is young." Problems intensify once the inmate arrives at the prison.

It is the prison's visiting facilities that most impair the relationship according to the women talked to. Women often complain that delays are often very long before they are admitted for a visit. There is little or no opportunity to express anything that may be private or intimate and it is even very hard to talk because the atmosphere just adversely affects both persons. The strain and tenseness make it very difficult to communicate, even on the most rudimentary levels.

In the foreseeable future, little change is planned that would greatly alleviate these difficulties. Radical change is necessary. Such mechanisms as conjugal visits, more and longer furloughs, and more programs of a work nature that put men in the community and give them a sense of self worth.

Submitted by: Bill Bracey



LOVING A CONVICT

Loving a convict is not always gay
Yes, loving him is a high price to pay:
It's mostly loving with nothing to hold
It's being so young yet feeling so old.

Loving a convict brings bitterness and tears
Loneliness, sadness, and despondant years;
Yes, loving a convict isn't much fun
But it's well worth it once his time is done.

Watching him leave with his eyes full of tears
Standing alone with your hopes, dreams, and fears;
Then comes a kiss with a promise to wait
Not wanting to test your beloved mate.

Days go by no mail for a spell
You wait for some word to hear that he's well
If there is a GOD who listens
Tell me, when do you end this hell?

Remember hes thinking of you every day
He's lonely and hes sad from being away
So love him, and miss him, and tell him so
Lady, you love a convict, so let him know.

by: F.D.

THE PRAIRIE NEWS by: Lets went
Cisco

AUGUST 30, 1976

Marching across the wheat fields
and right into your face.



TRUCKER ESCAPES DEATH(Duck Lake, Sask.) The bustling town of Duck Lake is recovering, today from the near destruction of a red Kenworth semi-trailer on the treacherous "Dead Man's Curve" two miles east of town. Truckdriver Otto Baun, recuperating in Bush League Hospital was available for comment."It was like a heart attack with a lot of fear thrown in," recounted Baun through his maze of bandages. The tractors break system failled on the upper portion of the twelve mile incline and the vehicle was clocked at speeds of over 100 miles an hours.

However, Baun negotiated sharp turns and reduced his speed by means of over 'six-hundred' intricate shift changes. "Oh, my poor arm broke working that stick and I saw the pearly gates open wide for me," said Baun. Examination of the truck revealed a faulty break system. The cargo (reported as canned spam) was actually dynamite, TNT, and other volitile explosives. Fly-by-Night Industries, the owners of the vehicle, where unavailable for comment.

CAUSE OF RIOT UNCOVERED (Buffalo Narrows, Sask.) Police Chief Amil Nytrate has made the first official statement regarding the horrible riot at the Central Youth Centre last weekend. "This holocaust was the result of a plot to 'seperate' teenagers from their money," said Chief Nitrate. The concert, billed as the ROLLING STONE REVIEW," had attracted over 2000 patrons (mostly young people) by showtime. But when the curtain was raised, the stage was bare except for a long wooden plank resting on a wooden box. As the stunned audience stood in silence, a

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man stumbled out and proceeded to roll five fist-sized stone down the length of the plank. The resulting riot lasted for two hours and saw the destruction of the youth centre and twelve automobiles.

A fraud warrant has been issued for one Mort Greenbaum, the alleged promoter of the show. Edward Wilson, who gave the address of the local Salvation Army Rescue Centre was released after questioning. Chief Nytrate said that the suspect (Greenbaum) paid Wilson ten dollars to roll the rocks down the plank, and Wilson was "obviously out of it", and can not be held responsible for his actions.

A second group, Vancouver based "Brain Damage," appeared in Magistrates court this morning to face charges stemming from the breakin at Larkin Pharmacy on fourteenth street west.

SASKATCHEWAN INVENTOR DIES (New York, N.Y.) Albert Fudd, the inventor of the electronic cow-bell died of a freak accident in New York City last week. Fudd, a long time Saskatchewan resident, had travelled to New York last month to patent his stratling invention. Apparently he (Fudd) fell off of a ladder while changing light bulbs in his hotel room and a length of piano wire became entangled around his neck, choking him to death. His business manager, Anthony (Tony) Palombi, although heart-broken, did manage to say, "Yeah, I told Al a million times about that ladder."

PHANTOM STILL AT LARGE (Prince Albert, Sask.) The setting resembles Transylvania; the plot is not unlike an Edgar Allen Poe novel, but the culprit is an unlikely one: a tractor. Shocked citizens of this wind swept hamlet are beginning to lose sleep thinking over the events of the past week. The first incident was particularly frightening. At 8 p.m. a tractor pulled into the Dixie Drive In on R.R. #2 and ordered a cheeseburger with a side order of fries over the microphone. When the waitress walked over to deliver, the machine roared off over the boulevard. Several witnesses stated positively that they saw no driver.

In the last two days the tractor has: towed two hearses, run a forest-warden off the highway, dug deep trenches in front of the Town Hall and performed "Wheel Stands" at a local dance.

However, not all of the Phantoms actions are bad. Abe Bunston of RR 1 reports his south-east summer fallow field has been plowed for him. Bunston stated, "He did a right fine job too." Officials are bound and determined to capture the tractor, who has now confined his actions to night-time sorties. One official said, "It's like catching a wild-horse, he has to drink sometime, and when this thing comes out to fuel up, we will be ready and waiting."

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A holdup man in Auckland, New Zealand, found there was only one cashier on duty in the bank and was able to get away with \$100,000. Turned out the other two were attending a course on crime prevention.

Unabashed dictionary defines Lesbian Twins as lick-alikes,.....

Unabashed dictionary defines Hocker's Income as John Dough.....

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EMPLOYMENT - UNEMPLOYMENT

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SOCIALIZATION DIVISION

Location	Employed	Max.
Head, Soc. Dev.	1	1
Library	3	4
Recreation	18	12
Hobby Office	1	1
Chaplains	1	1
Arts & Culture	3	3
	<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>

INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

Location	Employed	Max.
Office	2	2
Warehouse	7	6
Carpenter	19	26
Metal	17	18
Paint	5	6
Print	9	12
*Canvas	42	52
*Tailor	18	20
	<u>119</u>	<u>142</u>

TECHNICAL DIVISION

Location	Employed	Max.
Food Services	33	40
SIS	8	8
Laundry	10	10
Stores	5	5
Works Office	2	2
Mtce. Metal	9	4
Mtce. Paint	5	4
Mtce. Carpenters	7	6
Masons	7	5
Yard Gang	7	8
Electricians	2	2
Plumbers	5	4
	<u>114</u>	<u>116</u>

OCCUPATIONAL DEV. DIVISION

Location	Employed	Max.
Office RTI	1	1
School	24	30
Drafting	5	6
P.E. Metal	6	6
	<u>36</u>	<u>42</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Location	Employed	Max.
Seg. 230(1)(a)	23	--
Seg. 230(1)(b)	68	--
(not tailor/canvas)		
Non-Productive	18	--
Cleaners	25	25
Unemployed	32	--
Newcomers	39	--
	<u>185</u>	<u>25</u>

OTHERS

Location	Employed	Max.
Hospital	2	2
Shop Accounts	5	5
Mental Hospital	6	--
	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>

* for Seg. 230(1)(b) working

TOTAL JOBS AVAILABLE 354

TOTAL WORKING 328

Prison Population 512

There are only 66% of the actual prison population working. It should also be noted that there are only enough jobs for 69% of the population

EMPLOYMENT - COMMENTS

Listed are the actual number of people in the various work placements and the limit that the shop bosses and department heads feel would be the ideal number. Interviews with the works Division instructors have brought to light a number of valid complaints. First, that the department is only bugeted for maintenance, not training. That means that they can only use trained employees. Second, the system of determining who works where is not adequate. That is, that often inmates are forced to work in shops that they do not wish to be in or the instructors are forced to take men that they do not want. Resentment and continued on the next page...

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bitterness produce adverse effects. Also, they say that more work is to be had, if there was money to train people and the people that went to the shops were interested. It was felt that higher pay, and a system comparable to street employment would greatly enhance the shops.

Please note that all numbers change from day to day. They are only really accurate on the day they were given however they do represent a general situation and while there is minor change from day to day they are more or less the same overall.

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Programs now going are: Drafting (6 people max.) are taking a course, in drafting under R.T.I. Technical. The Education Department is offering four University classes. Two before Christmas, soon to be under way are English 102 and Sociology 101. After Christmas History 101 and Anthropology 101 will be offered. Some non-credit classes will be brought in and high school courses will be available. There is a wizz bang Electronics - Radio and TV - course to be started in January. It is a super-duper magnum smagnum course and will run for a full calendar year. It is offered through Moose Jaw College.

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Now, as to WHOM is going and where. Here is a summary of the last three months movement. Included is all the usual statistical stuff!.

	May	June	July
High Number, end of month	5017	5078	5110
Total Population, end of month	494	512	522
Releases during the Month			
N. P. S. Parole	5	2	3
Mandatory Supervision	12	18	20
Transfers during the Month			
Farm Annex	14	10	2
Other Institutions	18	45	24
Admissions during the Month	36	69	52

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The pay raise is coming. It has been aproved by Ottawa and should be here shortly, at least that is what Stretch Hall said.

Since the July 1, 1976 field day was such a washout (non-existant) it is planned to have a really big show for Labour day weekend.H.Junior.

SHOWES will be starting soon.

Dear Editor: I am a first timer, all sorts of older guys are trying to give me chocolate bars and the like.What do you think??!???

Dear Sweet Tooth: There are 3 kinds of people in the world. Men, women and convertibles. Which class you will belong in will depend entirely on how much you like cokes, bars, and chips.....

Thanks for reading OFF THE WALL. We are always looking for contributions. From cons and street people.We also accept criticism, though not always graciously. (Ha, Ha.)

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TRUTH AND
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